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WILLIAM WADDLE, M. D., a distinguished physician and citizen of Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in this city September 19, 1811. His ancestors, paternal and maternal, were those hardy Scotch Presbyterians from the north of Ireland, so prominent in the history of the United States. The paternal grandfather of Dr. Waddle was Alexander Waddle, who was married in Ireland to a Miss McCormick. They emigrated from Belfast, Ireland, to Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1783. They afterward moved to Brooke county, Virginia, where they purchased a farm. They had four sons and one daughter. The three eldest sons were born in Ireland, their names being Alexander, William and John. John was only six months old when his parents left Belfast, Ireland. Joseph and Mary were born in Virginia. Alexander died when a young man, from the kick of a horse. He was unmarried. William came to Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1817. He was a carpenter and builder and came to Chillicothe to build a house for his brother John. This was the first three-story residence and building erected here, and stood on the lot where the Ross County Bank now stands. William Waddle died here in 1833, unmarried. John came to Chillicothe in 1800, and was married here to Miss Nancy Mann, of Kentucky, in 1806. Joseph came to Chillicothe about 1813. He removed to Portsmouth, Ohio, where he was married and where his brother, John, assisted him to open a general store. Joseph died in Portsmouth about 1820. He had no children. Mary married Samuel Reid, a farmer near Cadiz, Ohio, and they had four sons and two daughters, namely: Hugh, Alexander, William, Henry, Elizabeth and Mary.

John Waddle, as above stated, became identified with Chillicothe in 1800. His wife, *née* Nancy Mann, was born in 1790, at a point on the Elkhorn river, Kentucky, between Lexington and Frankfort, the same locality where James Lane Allen has laid the opening scenes of his novel "John Gray," and came to this place two years before his arrival here. She was a daughter of William and Eleanor (Reyburn) Mann, both born near Staunton, Augusta county, Virginia. They moved to Kentucky about 1786, and their three children were all born in that State, their names being Elizabeth, Nancy and Mary. Elizabeth became the wife of John Carlisle, of Chillicothe. Mary

never married. After the death of William Mann, his widow married Captain William Lamb, a prominent citizen of Kentucky, who distinguished himself in the Indian wars of that State. He and his wife had children as follows: James, who died a young man, unmarried; Eleanor, who married Moses Dimmitt for her first husband, and who after his death became the wife of Isaac Wade, father of the Hon. William Wade, a Congressman from Springfield, Missouri, and Louisa, wife of O. B. Davison. John and Nancy Waddle occupied a prominent position in religious and social circles, their home being the favorite resort of many cultivated persons. They had children as follows: Alexander, a farmer of Clark county, Ohio, now deceased, who was twice married (his first wife, *née* Sarah Woodson, of Kentucky, bearing him one son, and his second wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Howell, having had four children, three sons and one daughter); Elizabeth, who died at the age of eighteen years; William, whose name appears at the head of this article; John, a civil engineer, who died unmarried; James, who died at the age of eight or nine years; Eleanor, wife of William McCoy, Independence, Missouri, who died in 1893; Lucy A., unmarried, and living at Chillicothe; Edward, who died at the age of ten years; and Angus L., of Columbus, Ohio.

William Waddle commenced his education at the Chillicothe Academy. From there he went to the Ohio University, but left that institution at the age of eighteen. After leaving college, he worked on his father's farm in Clark county until the year 1834, when he returned to Chillicothe and commenced the study of medicine as the pupil of Dr. Fullerton, who at that time was the leading physician of the town. He attended lectures at the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and received his degree from that institution in 1836. After traveling a year in the South he began the practise of medicine in his native town. He was youthful in appearance, but by his ability soon conquered the prejudice against young physicians. His practice growing too large, in 1865 he associated with him Jefferson B. Scearce. This partnership was very successful and was continued for a number of years. In 1888 Dr. Waddle formed a partnership with his son, Edward Finley, and is still actively engaged in practise.

In 1863 Dr. Waddle was appointed a Trustee of the Ohio University, and in 1868 was also appointed trustee of the Athens Lunatic Asylum and held that position until the year 1878, when he resigned. Two years later he accepted the appointment of Trustee of the Central Lunatic Asylum at Columbus, which appointment, together with the Trusteeship of the Ohio University, he still holds. As a physician, he ranks high. He has always entertained an enthusiastic devotion to his profession, and still continues to read the current medical publications, and profit by them. Inheriting a remarkably robust constutition and fine brain, he has been enabled to perform an unusual amount of work. Naturally endowed with those talents and principles that constitute a physician, gentleman and adviser, he occupies a position in the minds and hearts of his fellow men which few ever receive. During his long career in Ohio he has been associated with many of her great men, and has known all of the Governors of the State personally from the first to the present.

He was married in Chillicothe in 1845

to Miss Jane S. McCoy, a native of this city. She was a daughter of John McCoy, whose wife's maiden name was Janet McCracken. Mr. McCoy was a prominent merchant here. He was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, and was a son of Alexander McCoy, of Scotch-Irish descent. Her mother was also a native of Pennsylvania, the McCrackens being Scotch and coming to this country from the north of Ireland. Both Mr. McCoy and his wife descended from Revolutionary heroes of the Cumberland Valley, Pennsylvania. A record of Dr. and Mrs. Waddle's children is herewith given: John McC. died at the age of eleven years; Elizabeth is the wife of Alexander Renick, president of the First National Bank of Chillicothe; William, unmarried, died at the age of thirty-nine years; Eleanor lives at Chillicothe; Jane, wife of F. M. Guthrie, resides at Duluth, Minnesota; Lucy, living at Chillicothe; Edward F., M. D., referred to below; Nancy, an able writer; and Charles C., the present Mayor of Chillicothe.

Charles Carey Waddle, Mayor of Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in this city March 3, 1868. He graduated in the Chillicothe high school in 1884, and at Marietta College in 1889, receiving at the latter institution the Howard literary prize for the widest and best knowledge of English literature. The following year he read law and wrote for magazines and papers. Among his articles was one on "The American Amateur Stage," and, at the request of Miss Frances Willard, he wrote also "A Modern Crusade." In the fall of 1890 he went into the Daily News office as reporter; was made city editor in November of that year, and continued in that position until the spring of 1893, when he was elected Mayor. He makes a popular and efficient officer. During the past four years he has been a prominent member of the Elks, and its Secretary, and since 1894 he has been identified with F. & A. M., No. 6, and Chillicothe Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F.

Edward F. Waddle, M. D., completed his high-school education and graduated in Chillicothe in 1876. Then for some-time he was employed as clerk in a dry goods store. In the spring of 1879 he began the study of medicine under the instructions of his father and Dr. J. B. Scearce, who were then partners. In 1883 he graduated in the Baltimore College of Physicians and Surgeons, and immediately afterward was appointed obstetrical surgeon in charge of the Maternity Hospital of Baltimore, where he remained one year. Upon his return to Chillicothe in 1888, he formed a partnership with his father and has since been engaged in a successful practise. He was married October 7, 1886, to Miss Anne Trimble Madeira, a native of Chillicothe, and a daughter of William R. and Nancy (Trimble) Madeira. His wife died in 1892. One son, William Kenneth Waddle, was born in 1889.

JOSHUA WHITTINGTON POLK.—In presenting to the public a biographical account of this honored resident of New Vienna, Ohio, there is at hand a most interesting genealogy, which in order of chronological succession should be given first.

Fulbert was born A. D. 1075, in the reign of Malchon III, of Scotland. In the reign of King David I, of Scotland, the vast feudal barony of Pollok in Renfrewshire was held by Fulbert, the Saxon, a great noble and territorial king. Fulbert died in 1153,

the beginning of the reign of Malchon IV, and was succeeded by his son Petrins.

Petrins, son of Fulbert, in 1153 succeeded his father Petrins, who assumed as a surname (which at that time only came to be used) instead of a patronymic the name of his great hereditary lands of Pollok. The lord baron of this feudal kingdom was a man of great eminence in his time and a benefactor of the Monastery of Paisley, which donation was confirmed by Joceline, bishop of Glascow, who died in 1119. He was a "law unto himself," and equaled the sovereign in wrath, rank and power. The ancestor of many brave warriors and crusade knights, Petrins de Pollok was greatly distinguished for "valor in arms, prowess in chase," and his exploits in them were the subject of many a minstrel lay. Besides his vast estates in Renfrewshire, the chevron of which barony is still borne upon the shields of arms of the Prince of Roths in Aberdeenshire, which he gave to his only daughter, Mauricle, who married the celebrated Sir Norman de Lisley. Mauricle de Roths was the ancestress of the great earls of Roths and lords of Lisley. The eighth earl was constituted after the restoration "Marquis of Ballenbreck, Duke de Roths, President of the Council and Lord High Chancellor of Scotland."

The records of "the State Records" show that many intermarriages have taken place between the Leslies, Polloks and royal Stuarts.

On the death of Petrins de Pollok his ancient patrimonial estates of Pollok, being settled on heirs male, passed to the brother, "Robert de Pollok," and it is noticeable in the names of Robert that it has been handed from father to son to the present generation. Robert de Pollok was succeeded by his son, Robert the Second, who was contemporary with Alaxandry I. Alexander I. reigned from 1214 to 1249, and Robert the Second was succeeded by his son Thomas. Thomas de Pollok was witness to sundry charters of donation to the Abbey of Paisley. He was contemporary with Alexander I. and with Alexander III. of Scotland, the latter reigning from 1249 to 1286.

Thomas was succeeded by his son, Petrins de Pollok, one of the persons of rank who in 1296 gave a forced submission to Edward I. of England in the bond known as the "Ragman's Roll." He was succeeded by his son Roburtus de Pollok, who married Agnes, daughter of Sir John Maxwell, Lord of Carlaverok, and was succeeded by his son John. The last mentioned, in 1372, obtained from his grandfather, the said John Lord Maxwell, a charter of certain lands dated at Carlaverok, and was succeeded by Brucius (or Brucino) de Pollok, who left a son John.

John de Pollok is designated in a charter issued by James I. of Scotland, of date 12 December, A. D. 1431, as "nobilis vir Johannus de Pollok, filius et heres Bricii de Pollok." From this famous nobleman sprang the illustrious line of Pollok of that ilk. His successor was Charles de Pollok of that ilk. John de Pollok had a second son named Robert de Pollok, who received from King James I. of Scotland the great land grant in "Vitus Scotia," or New Scotland, as Ireland was then called.

The following notes are mostly taken from a communication written to W. R. Polk from Mrs. William H. Polk, wife of William H. Polk, the brother of President James K. Polk:

John de Pollok, last mentioned above, had another son (besides his oldest son Charles), named Robert de Pollok, who became Sir Robert de Pollok of Ireland, and

who received from King James the grant in "Vitus Scotia," or New Scotland, as Ireland was then called. This Sir Robert's oldest son, Sir John, inherited the hereditary estates in old Scotland. Sir Robert's younger son inherited the estate in Ireland and became Sir Robert. Sir Robert de Pollok (the second) of Ireland inherited the estate of the family in Ireland, where the name to this day is often pronounced Polk, as if one syllable, by the natives. His American descendants, the Polks, still preserve the lineal memorial of their noble and knightly ancestry.

In 1640 Sir Robert of Ireland joined the Scotch Covenanters, whose commander-in-chief and governor of Dunbarton Castle was a relative of General Sir Alexander Leslie, one of the most famous soldiers of his time.

Sir George Maxwell, of Nether Pollok, was married to Annabella Stuart, lineal descendant of King Robert III., and their granddaughter Annabella married her cousin, Sir Robert Pollok, of Wpper Pollok, grandfather of Sir Robert of Ireland, whose nephew, Ezekiel Stuart, married Debora Amely. Sir Robert was succeeded by his son, Robert Bruce Pollok, or Polk.

Thomas Pollok, oldest son of the second Sir Robert Bruce Pollok, the second son of the second Sir Robert, married the widow of Major Porter, whose maiden name was Magdaline Tasker, and who was of French descent and was heiress of the estates of "Mourning (or Morning) Hall" in the barony of Ross, county of Donegal, parish of de Forest, Ireland. She was related to the Countess of Monington and her sister Prudence, aunts of the Duke of Wellington.

It is said that the marriage of Robert Bruce Pollok, or Polk, and Magdaline Porter *nee* Tasker was a runaway match. She lived to be nearly ninety-two years old, dying at her home place, Whitehall, in Somerset county, Maryland, between April 7, 1726, and March, 1727. In her will, on record in the office of the register of wills for Somerset county, Maryland, she begins: "I, Magdaline Pollok [but signed 'Magdaline Polk'], bequeath and will Morning Hall in Ireland to my sixth son, Joseph;" and he returned to Ireland.

Robert Bruce Pollok, last named, with his wife Magdaline and six sons and two daughters, left Ireland and came to America, landing at "Dame's Quarter" in Somerset county, Maryland, in 1680 (or 1683 or 1687, according to different authorities), where his descendants were long known as the Republican or Democratic family. (At that time these two names were used to represent the one party as opposed to "Tories.") The children of Robert Bruce Pollok, or Polk, and Magdaline (Tasker) Porter Polk, were John, William, Ephraim, James, Robert, Joseph, Margaret and Anne. John Polk was twice married. For his first wife he wedded Joanna Knox, and for his second Jugga Hugg. From John and Joanna sprang President James Knox Polk and General Leonidas Polk, that is, Bishop Polk, of Louisiana. The second son of John, namely, William Polk, was first married to Priscilla Roberts, and afterward Miss Taylor. When his sons were nearly grown he with his family moved to the vicinity of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, thence to Mecklenburg county, North Carolina, where his son Thomas aided in the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, in 1775, May 31, and afterward were both officers in the Continental army.

William, the second son, inherited Whitehall, the home place in Somerset

county, Maryland, and remained in that State. His descendants are mostly in Delaware. William married a widow, Nancy Owens, *nee* Knox, and sister of John's first wife, Joanna Knox, making the descendants of John and William doubly related,—through the Polks and sisters Knox. David Polk, the son of William and Nancy Polk, inherited Whitehall from his father, and had a son, William, who died in 1814, Judge of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.

Judge William Polk, son of David, grandson of Robert Bruce Pollok, or Polk, and Magdaline, *née* Tasker, was married three times,—first to the widow Handy, *née* Winder, secondly to the widow Dennis, *née* Purnell, and thirdly to a lady whose daughter Ann married Herschel V. Johnson, of Georgia. David had another son, Gillis, who left five children, — Josiah, Nancy, Catherine, Sally and Gillis. Of these only Gillis had any children, and his were Virginia and Gillis by name.

Judge William Polk, by his wife *née* Winder, had five children,—Elizabeth, Ester, Gertrude, William and Josiah. Elizabeth married Judge Thomen, United States Senator from Louisiana; Ester married Major King, and in succession Winder and Alexander Stuart; Gertrude married General William H. Winder, Commader-in-Chief of the United States forces in the war of 1812; William married Miss Thorp, of Baltimore. By his second wife the widow, Ann Dennis *née* Purnell, there was one son, James, known as Colonel James Polk, who was Register of Wills for Somerset county, Maryland, and inherited the family estate, Whitehall, was naval officer under the administration of President James K. Polk, president for the Port of Baltimore in 1845. He married Annie Marie Stuart, Surgeon General of Continental troops in the war of the Revolution.

Colonel James Polk's children were: William, who married Miss Estis, of Kentucky; Ester W., who became the wife of Governor E. Louis Love, of Maryland: Mary A., who became the wife of Gosse Anno Gorter, of Holland; Areanna F. S., who married Lucilius Briscoe, of Georgia; James, who married Naomi Madox; Lucius C., who married Mary Clark; Josiah B., who married Julia Parker; and seven others who died in infancy or are otherwise not mentioned in the foregoing list.

James, the son of William, the second son of Robert Bruce Polk, married and had children: Priscilla, born in 1740, died about 1834, aged ninety-four years. She married William Whittington and had as children Margaret, Mary, Elizabeth and Anne. Mary became the wife of Dr. Strawbridge, Mr. Allen and John Porter, and her children were William Allen, Elizabeth Porter, Jane, Susan and Sarah Ann Porter. Susan Porter married Benjamin Lankford, and their children were Henry Smith, Julia Anne Porter, John Louis, Benjamin Franklin, Sarah Anne Marie, Mary Martha Jane, Susan Eliza Frances and Cornelia Josephine.

Robert Polk, son of Robert Bruce Polk and Magdaline *née* Tasker (fifth son), had a son, Robert, a naval officer, who married Miss Peale, a sister of Charles Peale, the founder of Peale's Museum. Of this last Robert came Charles Peale Polk, a noted artist who married three times and died in 1822, leaving a large family.

Joshua Polk, father of the subject of this sketch, reached Highland county, December 27, 1827, arriving at the

farm where the son now lives, and purchased 224 acres of land, part of which belonged to the original Conway survey. He lived on this tract until his death, December 7, 1839, when he was seventy-eight years of age, one month and seven days. Previous to his coming to Ohio, he had kept a store in Federalsburg, where he married Elizabeth Rusk, of Delaware, in the year of 1788, and they lived together twenty years, when Mrs. Polk died, leaving no children. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Williams, who died August 29, 1820, her husband surviving her by nearly twenty years. Their children were: Elizabeth, born December 22, 1810, married William Clowser, of Ross county, Ohio, and moved to Illinois, where she died, without children; the subject of this sketch was the next born; Mary Collins, the third child, born April 5, 1814, and died November 12 following; Malinda, born February 5, 1816, married Wilson Leverton, a farmer, and is living near Farmington, Illinois; and their children are Wesley, Jason, Sarah, Maria (Paddy) and Dexter; Maria Louisa, born January 19, 1818, died in January, 1891, married Thomas Laverton and lived on a farm in Illinois, and her children are Lettice (Dyer), Mary, John, Dora (Hoxworth), Thomas, Lydia (Easter) and Sarah; Josiah, born May 21, 1820, died August 22, 1820. For his third wife Mr. Polk married Margaret Paine and she survived him nearly thirty years, dying in February, 1867. Mr. Polk was a sailor through the Revolutionary war, was once taken prisoner and sent to England, where his liberty was given him, but he was not permitted to return to this country. He finally escaped, however, and reached the United States, and here helped to establish the American branch of the Polk family, as already stated. His father was Benjamin Polk, of Scotland, who married Sarah Whittington, a native of England.

Mr. J. W. Polk, of this memoir, was born December 22, 1812, at Federalsburg, Maryland, and took charge of the home place on the death of his father, with the understanding that he should buy out and pay off the other heirs, which he soon succeeded in accomplishing. In 1850 he built the barn which now stands on the place, and two years later built the handsome residence which he now occupies.

He was married October 24, 1836, to Elizabeth Laverton, of Fall Creek, a daughter of Solomon and Lettice Leaverton. Mrs. Polk was born October 16, 1814, and died January 29, 1888, and lies buried at the New Vienna cemetery. Their children are:

Robert Thompson, born November 12, 1837, married Julia Hadley, daughter of James and Sarah Hadley, in August, 1860, and their children are Herbert James, Alvar Whittington, Mary, Cora Alma, Murray Shepley (deceased), Robert Hadley and Ellery Channing. R. T. Polk is a minister of the Universalist faith, having filled the pastorate at Oxford and London, Ohio, Methune, and Boston, Massachusetts, Marlboro, New Hampshire, and is now located at Towanda, Pennsylvania.

Lydia Catharine, born May 24, 1839, marrried John Eddingfield February 21, 1867, and is residing on a farm in Highland county; her children are Nannie Elizabeth (Sanders) and May Whittington.

Samuel Judkins, born July 24, 1840, married Rachel Larkin, daughter of John and Sarah Larkin, May 27, 1867, and their children are John, Sadie, Eva, Charles

Whittington, Frank William, Julia Morman and Burch Arthur.

Hannah Elizabeth, born November 9, 1841, and married Joseph Evans Powell, October 24, 1864, and their children are Albertus and Lycurgus (twins), Lizzie, Serena Lavina, Lettice Alma and Anna Frances.

William Alexander and Josiah, whose sketches are given elsewhere in this volume.

Andrew Newton, born March 29, 1847, died September 19, 1888.

Jason, born December 15, 1848, married Delia Huff in June, 1876, and their children are: Carry, Adda, Mary Jane and Berley Grover. This family reside upon a farm in Highland county.

Ruth Adeline, born August 7, 1851, married Albert Carey, and is living on a farm near the paternal home. Their children are Bertha, Luella, Clifton O'Neil, Bessie, David and Mary Etta.

Phoebe Jane, born June 7, 1853, at the paternal home.

Lettice Alma, born October 6, 1855, also at her father's home.

Thomas Whittington, the youngest child, was born October 12, 1859, and is still at home, assisting his father in managing the farm.

Mr. Polk, while very aged, is still active and continues to oversee the large tract of land which he has so successfully cultivated for more than half a century. In his political principles he is a Democrat, and during all his life has never voted any other ticket. At a late family reunion over twenty-five grandchildren were present, and it is one of Mr. Polk's chief pleasures to see nearly all his children located upon farms almost adjoining his own and doing well in the world.

JOHN CAMPBELL DUNCAN, one of the representative farmers and highly respected citizens of Highland county, Ohio, was born, and has always resided, at his present location. His farm comprises 180 acres and is well improved with good buildings, fences, etc., his residence having been built in 1880, and his barn in 1876. Of his family history, we present the following:

John Campbell Duncan was born on his father's farm in Highland county, Ohio, March 4, 1822, his parents being Robert and Mary (Mann) Duncan, the former a son of Robert and Esther Duncan, and the latter a daughter of James and Margaret Mann. The senior Robert Duncan was of Scotch birth. He emigrated to America in early life and settled in York county, Pennsylvania, where he lived for many years. He died in 1838, at the advanced age of ninety-five, and his wife passed away in 1840 at a still greater age, she being ninety-eight. They had a large family of children, among whom were Agnes, James, John, Betsey Jane, Robert, and some whose names are forgotten. The younger Robert Duncan was born in Fawn township, York county, Pennsylvania, in 1777, and in 1806 came to Ohio, bringing with him $270, with which he purchased land, $1.25 per acre being the purchase price. The land he then bought was the same on which his son, John C., now lives. James Mann, the maternal grandfather of our subject, emigrated to this country from Ireland in 1800. Mary Mann was born November 27, 1796, and it was April 20, 1817, that she and Mr. Robert Duncan were married.

A record of their children is as follows: Robert, born April 22, 1818, married Mary Murray, and is engaged in farming in Iowa;

James, born June 14, 1820, died October 14, 1838; John C.; Margaret, born November 25, 1823, became the wife of Andrew Taylor, and died in 1877; Mary Jane, born January 30, 1826, is the wife of Robert Byran and lives in Greenfield; Esther Ann, born September 17, 1827, is the widow of Thomas Irwin, who was killed in the late war, and her home is in Kansas; Elizabeth, wife of John Dwyer, was born November 20, 1829, and died in 1868; Nancy, wife of Martin McClure, was born October 13, 1831, and is living in Hillsborough, Ohio; Isabella, born March 6, 1834, is the wife of Joseph Irwin, a prominent farmer of Highland county; Sarah, born December 24, 1835, died May 27, 1863. The parents of these children have long since passed away and are buried side by side in Greenfield cemetery. The date of the father's death is September 17, 1843, and that of the mother's January 7, 1870.

John C. Duncan was married October 12, 1847, to Catharine Elizabeth Lunbeck, who was born January 3, 1830, daughter of Daniel and Rachel Brown (McCoy) Lunbeck. Daniel Lunbeck was a son of Samuel Lunbeck, was born November 14, 1794, and came from New Jersey to Ohio at an early day. He died here July 14, 1853. His wife, Rachel B., was born February 1, 1796, and it was March 28, 1816, that they were married; she died January 29, 1879. Their family record reads as follows: Joseph McCoy, born April 21, 1817, died February 9, 1885; Henry, born August 1, 1819, died in infancy; Mary Ann, born July 30, 1821, married William Harper, and is living in Burlington, Iowa; Rebecca Jane, born January 4, 1823, married Joseph Pinkerton, and became a resident of Fayette county, Ohio, and died January 9, 1873; Rachel Brown, born January 13, 1827, died December 16, 1843; Catharine Elizabeth, born January 3, 1830; Daniel Henry, born May 11, 1832, married Mary Dixon; Judith Ellen, born November 3, 1834, married John Duffield; and Caroline, born September 13, 1836, and died January 11, 1838. Mrs. Duncan's paternal uncles and aunts were Isaac, Henry, John, Margaret Joanna, and Elizabeth, her father being the second born; and her maternal uncles and aunts were Joseph, Cynthia, Mary, James, Dickson, Jane, Catsy, Alexander, Jane, her mother being the sixth in order of birth.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Duncan are: Samuel Quinten, born July 16, 1849, married Caroline F. Dunlap, October 30, 1884, is living in Greenfield; Daniel Oscar, born April 23, 1852, married Mary Eliza McElroy, December 14, 1881, and has two children, Esther Elizabeth and John McElroy: is farming in Fayette county Ohio; Mary Ellen, born April 6, 1855, married Daniel A. Kline, February 28, 1878, has three children, Pearl Duncan, Samuel Arthur and George Campbell, and lives on a farm in Ross county; Robert William, born April 1, 1858, married Laura Frances Adams, December 10, 1885, and is living in Fayette county; John Wiseman, born May 4, 1861, married Nannie Ruth Anderson, February 14, 1889, and has three children, Ruth, Elizabeth and Robert Anderson: the youngest is not yet married: he lives on a farm in Madison township, this county; Emma Jane, born October 12, 1863, married Hugh Nevin McElroy, December 28, 1882, and has two children, Ethel May and Arthur Duncan: he is residing on a farm in Iowa; Lizzie Bell, born March 26, 1867, is at home; James Joseph, born November 13, 1869, and is at home, as also is

Curtis Wirt, whose birth occurred June 24, 1874.

Mr. Duncan has been a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Ohio, nearly all his life. He has served as a Deacon for twenty-three years and for seven years has been an Elder.

It will be noticed in looking over this brief sketch that Mr. and Mrs. Duncan and their nine children are all living, also their sons-in-law and daughters-in-law, and their ten grandchildren, in all twenty-seven, there having never been a death in the family, a thing most remarkable.

CHARLES NEWTON CAREY is a representative of one of the oldest and largest families in Highland county, Ohio. It was in honor of this family that Careytown was named.

Samuel Carey, grandfather of this gentleman, was born in Virginia, December 2, 1785, and died in Clinton county, Ohio, in February, 1878. His wife, *née* Anna McPherson, was born June 27, 1786, and died December 19, 1866. Their children are: Daniel, born May 2, 1810, died in 1886; Elizabeth, born June 14, 1812, died in 1888; Thomas, born March 28, 1814, died October 28, 1820; Elias, born October 5, 1816; Sarah, born February 15, 1819, died March 13, 1820; Jonathan, born September 20, 1820, died February 14, 1873; David McPherson, born May 6, 1822, died October 2, 1885; Rhoda, born May 9, 1824, is deceased; John, born August 16, 1826, is still living; and Rachel, born November 22, 1828, is still living.

Daniel Carey married Anna Coffin, May 19, 1831. She died, leaving two children, Thomas and David. By his second wife, *née* Hannah Green, he had the following children: Mrs. Altha Hayworth, Lydia, Sibyl and Arthur. Daniel Carey was a physician and lived in Martinsville, Clinton county, Ohio.

Elizabeth was married October 2, 1834, to Daniel Kester, who was a carpenter by trade, and who in later life followed farming in Clinton county. Their family was composed of Miles, Carey, John, Samuel, Jesse and several daughters.

Elias married Polly Taylor, February 2, 1837. He was engaged in farming in Kansas, and is now dead. Their children are Samuel, Daniel and others.

Jonathan married Jane Eastlake, November 30, 1845, and their family comprised the following named members: Alice, wife of George Cantley; Arthur L.; Emma, wife of Frank Hadley; Gurney, Minerva and Charles. He was a blacksmith and farmer in Highland county.

Rhoda was married to John Green, November 30, 1843. He is engaged in farming in Clinton county. Their children are Robert, David, Elyle, Thomas, Enos, Mary Jane, Annie and Alice.

John was married September 25, 1856, and his children are Enoch, Samuel and Nathan. He is a blacksmith in Clinton county.

Rachel was married to Charles West, October 15, 1845. Mr. West is one of the prominent farmers of Clinton county. Their children are Clarkson; Elizabeth, wife of John Cornell; Rhoda, wife of Dr. Herrin; Thomas, and two others.

David McPherson Carey, father of the gentleman from whom we obtained the material for this sketch, and whose name appears at its head, was born in Highland county, Ohio, May 6, 1822, and died Octo-

ber 2, 1885. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Hiett, and who was a daughter of Thomas and Harriet Hiett, was born February 11, 1827, and died January 5, 1887. Following are the names of their children: Thomas Lindley, born November 9, 1845, has been twice married, first, September 1, 1870, to Malissa Henry, who died May 5, 1886, leaving eight children; and second, in 1888, to Mary Pence, her children being two in number; Amos Hiatt, born July 1, 1847, was married February 22, 1870, to Anna Jane Hodson, and is engaged in farming in Clinton county, his children being Frank, Ida and Pearl; Samuel Albert, born May 29, 1849, was married to Ruth A. Polk, March 26, 1874, their children being Bertha, Clifton, Bessie, David Elmer and Mary Etta; Annie, born November 1, 1850, was married November 18, 1869, to Taylor Hixon, and is living on a farm not far from the old homestead; David Francisco, born May 6, 1852, died June 21, 1857; Harriet Eilen, born January 2, 1854, married Melburn Himiller in December, 1879, and is living on a farm in Fayette county, Ohio, their children being Charles, Wayne and Annie: Elwood Osborn, born November 22, 1855, was married September 30, 1884, to Florence Edwards, and is employed as a machinist in Richmond, Indiana, their children being Raymond, Virginia and Lawrence; James Edgar, born December 1, 1857, married Addie L. Hart, and is a resident of Careytown, where he operated a portable sawmill and threshing machine, his children being Wallace, Clyde and Glenn, and he now having his second wife, *nee* Hattie Bernard, whom he married February 19, 1894; Charles Newton, born March 27, 1859; Matthew, born April 23, 1861, was a fireman on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, was killed February 20, 1890, on the first trip he made after his marriage, he having been married February 11, 1891, to Miss Anna Tannehill, who, and her child, Matthew, Jr., live in Belfast; Minerva, born March 24, 1863, died October 7, 1870; Thaddeus Lincoln, born February 18, 1865, lives with his brother Charles N.; and Irvine, born November 28, 1867, also lives with Charles N.

Charles Newton Carey began farming for himself on rented land about the time he reached his majority and has since been engaged in agricultural pursuits, his honest industry being attended with prosperity. In 1885 he bought thirty-three and a half acres of land from his father, and in 1890 he purchased the interest of the other heirs to his father's farm, eighty-eight acres. This farm is well improved and under a high state of cultivation. The fine large barn upon it was built by the present owner. His father had remodeled the house some time before he died.

Charles N. Carey was married February 27, 1889, to Cornelia Edwards, a daughter of C. B. and Mary (Holmes) Edwards. Their children are Ethel, born August 16, 1890; Bernice May, November 19, 1891, and Donald Meredith, December 19, 1893.

WILLIAM ALPHONSO ROGERS, proprietor of the Rogers Hotel at Leesburg, Ohio, and one of the most popular teachers of Highland county, was born August 20, 1868, on the farm now jointly owned by himself and brother and located in Liberty township, on the head waters of Little Rock creek.

John Roland Rogers, father of William A., was born in Highland county, Ohio,

January 8, 1833. He was a blacksmith by trade, but never worked at that trade after he was married. The first year after his marriage he was engaged in mercantile business at New Market, Ohio. Then he bought and operated the Little Rock mill, on Little Rock creek, one year, after which he settled down to farming, and the rest of his life was spent on the farm. He was married to Miss Cynthia Self, daughter of Coleman and Mary (Heck) Self, November 4, 1853, by Rev. J. I. Fee, and they became the parents of the following named children: Joseph Franklin, born October 4, 1855, was married in 1880 to Minnie Allen, daughter of Newton Allen, and was accidentally killed in December, 1885, by the overturning of his wagon in a ravine on a dark night, his children being John Franklin, Lena Blanche, and Bessie; Sanford Clarence, born April 27, 1857, married Corintha Clark, daughter of John and Jane Clark, September 11, 1879, has four children, and is farming in Antelope county, Nebraska; the third child died in infancy; the fourth and fifth, Walter Brough and Wallace Burnside, twins, born April 29, 1862, are both married, the former having wedded Gertrude Kerns, daughter of John and Rachel Kerns, November 23, 1889, and having two children, John Roland and William Byron, and the latter having married Elizabeth Heller, daughter of Daniel and Mary Heller, in October 1884; John Wesley, born December 9, 1865, and William Alphonso, the youngest.

John Roland Rogers, the father, died of typhoid pneumonia, December 14, 1871, when in the prime of life. He united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when he was sixteen, and lived a consistent Christian life, being a Class-leader at the time of his death. He was a son of Robert and Nancy (Phillips) Rogers, and was the youngest in their family, the other children being Arthur, Sarah Ann (wife of J. Manker), Jefferson, Nancy Jane (wife of John Taggart), Hugh Young, Margaret (wife of Mr. Aaron Grady), and Robert Wilson.

The mother of our subject was born July 31, 1835. Her father, Coleman Self, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1803, and came to Ohio in 1831. He settled on the farm where his son, Eli Self, now lives, and died in June, 1881, on his farm on Clear creek. His wife, *née* Mary Heck, was born January 1, 1802, and died December 14, 1879. After the death of Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Rogers was married, October 23, 1873, to Daniel Thorp. Mr. Thorp was born in Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, January 15, 1814, and by his first wife, *nee* Anabel Stoops, had eight children. After his second marriage he engaged in the hotel business in Samantha, and was thus occupied up to the time of his death, January 28, 1887. His children by his second wife are: Nota Blanche, born December 17, 1874, now Deputy Recorder in her brother's office at Hillsborough; and Lena Maud, born April 30, 1877.

William A. Rogers, as stated at the beginning of this sketch, is one of the most popular teachers in the county. He has a delicate constitution but has always possessed a wonderful amount of energy, and from an early age has been self-supporting. His first school was at Hardin's creek, which he taught when he was eighteen years of age. The next was at Thornburg's school, then No. 2, Penn township, and from there he came to Leesburg, where he is still teaching. On account of failing health, in April, 1892, he visited Asheville,

Amos Smith.

North Carolina, and while there took a course in the Southern Business College and received a diploma from that institution. He also taught some in North Carolina. He holds a certificate from the Northern Indiana Normal School, which he received in 1887; a high-school diploma, received at New Lexington in 1888; and a five years' professional certificate, received from his County Board of Examiners in 1890. In 1887 he acted as a member of the Executive Committee at the Highland County Teachers' Institute, and in 1892 he was president of the Highland County Teachers' Association.

Mr. Rogers was married October 25, 1893, to Elizabeth Vernon Moore, daughter of James E. and Lucinda Moore Mr. Moore is one of the heavy tax payers of the township.

Fraternally, Mr. Rogers is a Mason and an Odd Fellow. He is District Deputy Grand Master of the Highland County I. O. O. F.

AMOS SMITH, an honored and successful business man of Chillicothe, now deceased, was born August 16, 1827, at Lancaster, Fairfield county, Ohio.

He was the son of George Hunter Smith and Amelia Matlock Smith. His father was born in Frederick (now Jefferson) county, Virginia, in 1800, the son of Dr. Lindsay and Elizabeth Smith, cousins; and our subject's mother was born in Maysville, Kentucky, February 11, 1805.

Mr. Amos Smith was educated in Lancaster, and early displayed a love of study. Choosing the profession of law for a life occupation, he began reading in the office of his uncle, the Hon. Hocking Hunter, was admitted to the bar shortly after attaining his majority, and, going to Sandusky, he practiced his profession there in the law offices of Judge Reber. In 1851 he came to Chillicothe and became a clerk in the old Valley Bank under James H. McLandburg, at that time the president of the institution. In 1852 he left the banking business to resume the practise of his profession, and in May of that year entered into partnership with William T. McClintick, under the firm name of McClintick & Smith, a firm name which for fifty years was known and respected not only in Ohio but also wherever its business relations extended throughout the country elsewhere. Mr. Smith's name was connected with numerous and widely diversified interests, and his legal and financial ability made him prominent among his business associates and successful in all his undertakings. He was one of the counsel for the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company from its organization in 1860 to its dissolution in 1883. In March of that year the road became the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore, and the general counsel for the road was the firm of McClintick & Smith. At the organization of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern in 1890, Mr. Smith was elected one of the board of directors, which position he held until his death, having been re-elected. He was one of the original founders and incorporators of the First National Bank in 1863, and acted as the bank's attorney until 1884, when he was elected president to succeed the late William Cook. Much of the success of this bank is due to his consummate financial ability and untiring energy.

His name was also prominently connected with some of the most extensive coal interests of the State, and in the later years of

his life he devoted a great deal of his time and attention to the development of his coal lands at various points. The first coal-mining enterprise in which he was interested was that of the Carbondale Coal Company, of which he and Mr. McClintick were proprietors. Afterward he was one of the chief incorporators of the Wellston Coal Company, which succeeded the Wellston Coal & Iron company, of which he was president. He was also largely interested in the lands of the Hocking Valley, and in addition to his coal interests he also owned estates in Ross, Pickaway, Clinton and other counties. Besides all these affairs he was extensively interested in other directions, and in all displayed the same great business capacity which was his pre-eminent characteristic.

On December 10, 1857, he married Henrietta Renick, who was the daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth Renick. They had five children, namely: Elizabeth Renick, George Hunter, Anna, Ida, Wyeth and Charles Francis.

Within a year and a half of his death Mr. Smith's health was greatly undermined by an attack of "la grippe," and he was urged by physicians to retire at once from business, but his strong determination and great nervous energy prevented him from following the plan, and by sheer effort of his magnificent will power he continued to attend actively to his business interests until finally his physical system could no longer obey the imperious dictates of his mind, and he was absolutely forced to give up work by reason of physical inability to continue.

In his social life Mr. Smith was always pleasant and courteous, attentive to any request brought to his notice, and when he professed friendship he was faithful to that profession beyond the customary habit of men. He was a citizen who reflected luster and honor upon the place he made his home. The reputation of his professional and business capacity and his stainless integrity were not circumscribed by the boundary lines of his city or State. No man in southern Ohio was better known. His word was as good as his bond, and his professional and business advice was sought far and near.

SAMUEL B. TRUITT, one of the leading citizens of Adams county, was born, reared and has spent his life principally in this community. He was born near the village of Clayton, February 21, 1839, a son of Henry P. and Carolina (Bloomhuff) Truitt. As the family is an old one in this county, and records of its origin have been left by a well-informed member, now deceased, a brief mention of them will be of interest and value in this connection.

About the year 1760 three brothers of the name of Truitt emigrated from England to America. One located in Pennsylvania, one in Delaware, and the youngest of the three, Benjamin, went to the eastern shore of Maryland. He there married Margaret Kellum, and settled on a farm near Snow Hill, the county seat of Worcester county. They were the parents of four sons,—Benjamin, Samuel, John K. and William. The latter, who was the progenitor of the Truitt family of Adams county, was born in 1778. He married Elizabeth Gootee, of Accomack county, Virginia, March 20, 1817. With five other families they left their native State to seek a new home in the West, arriving at Manchester, Adams county, Ohio, April 24, following. Mr. Truitt settled near Clayton, where he lived until

his decease, in 1846. He reared a family of five children, —James, Henry P., Margaret, Mary and Elizabeth.

James, the eldest son, was born December 24, 1806. January 19, 1830, he married Elizabeth Campbell. They lived near Bradyville, and celebrated their golden wedding January 19, 1880. There were born to James and Elizabeth Truitt nine children, two sons and seven daughters, of whom the sons and three daughters are deceased. Margaret married James W. Taylor, who is now deceased; Mary died before marriage; and Elizabeth married John P. Leonard, and they reside near Wrightsville.

Henry P., the second son, and the father of our subject, was born November 16, 1809. January 24, 1832, he married Carolina Bloomhuff, who was born October 26, 1808, a daughter of Abraham Bloomhuff, and a sister of the Rev. J. P. Bloomhuff. Mr. Truitt died October 18, 1847, and was buried in Ebenezer cemetery, Brown county, Ohio. Mrs. Truitt departed this life November 9, 1878, and is buried in the Odd Fellows' cemetery in New Haven, Allen county, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Truitt were the parents of seven children, namely: Eliza Jane, wife of George W. Taylor, and they reside at Clark's Hill, Tippecanoe county, Indiana; Sarah P. married Samuel Starrett, and they moved to Allen county, Indiana, where she died February 7, 1878; John W. is married and resides in Dearborn county, where he is serving his third term as Justice of the Peace; Samuel B;, the subject of this sketch; James H., deceased June 6, 1866, at the age of twenty-five years; Thomas S., a farmer of Allen county, Indiana, married Amanda Barey, and they have four sons and two daughters; and Maria B., who married Harvey Stoneman, and both are now deceased.

Samuel B. Truitt, the fourth child in the family of Henry P. and Carolina Truitt, was three years of age when they moved to the vicinity of Bradyville. At the age of eight years he went to Fort Wayne, Allen county, Indiana, and lived on the farm of his uncle, Sidney C. Bloomhuff, for six years. He then returned to his native county, for the following three years worked at farm labor for an uncle and other farmers, and was then married and began agricultural pursuits on his own account, about two miles from Bradyville. In 1861 Mr. Truitt removed to Little Three Mile Creek, six miles from his former place.

After putting in one crop, hostilities broke out between the North and the South, and he decided to offer his services in his country's cause at the earliest opportunity. September 8, 1862, at Bentonville, he entered Company F, Seventh Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, and was stationed at Camp Ripley, Ohio. They were mustered into the United States service on October 28, by Captain C. O. Howard. They left camp January 2, 1863, and six days afterward arrived at Lexington, Kentucky. Mr. Truitt was made Commissary Sergeant of the company. The regiment made a splendid record during the war and it is a well-known fact that it saw as hard service as any regiment in the army. As a portion of Wilson's famous cavalry, they were continuously on the move, and took part in over 100 engagements. From the Ohio State reports is gathered the following skeleton sketch of its battles: Carter's Station, Tennessee; Mount Sterling, Dutton Hill, Monticello, Rocky Gap, Kentucky; Buffington's Island, Ohio; Cumberland Gap, Second Carter's Station, Zollicoffer, Blue Springs, Rodgersville, siege of Knoxville, Bean Station, Lane's

Cross Roads, Newmarket, Dandridge, Fair Garden, Tennessee: Cynthiana, Kentucky; siege of Atlanta, Georgia; Franklin, Nashville, Pulaski, Devil's Gap, Tennessee; Plantersville and Selma, Alabama; and Columbus, Georgia. At the latter place they took 3,000 prisoners. From there they went to Macon, Georgia, and thence to Andersonville. While near there they were met by a flag of truce, and they found all the prisoners liberated. They then returned to Macon, next went to Atlanta, took Jeff Davis to Savannah, marched back to Nashville, went into camp at Edgefield, and were mustered out of service in front of the capitol at Nashville, July 4, 1865. Major General Upton issued general orders at Edgefield, in which he complimented this regiment in the highest terms for its bravery and eminent services, and recited in these orders some of its eminent achievements. Mr. Truitt was promoted to Regimental Commissary Sergeant May 18, 1865.

On leaving the army, he returned to Adams county, and bought a farm in Sprigg township, about three and a half miles from Manchester, where he farmed from 1867 to 1883. He improved the place in every way, and stocked it with the best of stock. After moving to Manchester he continued the stock business for some years. He is now engaged in looking after his various business interests. "Major" Truitt, as he is familiarly known among his old friends, was elected by the citizens of Adams county as a member of its Board of Commissioners in 1888, and served three years in that capacity, retiring in January, 1892. As a member of the County's Administration Board, he gave entire satisfaction to the people, and sustained the reputation which he had always enjoyed among his fellow citizens.

Mr. Truitt was married in Adams county, December 16, 1858, by the Rev. J. P. Bloomhuff, to Miss Mary Starrett, a native of this county, and a daughter of John and Emily (Hudson) Starrett. Mr. Truitt has been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since 1858, and for the past twenty-five years has been a Steward and Trustee of the Manchester congregation. His wife is also an active member of the church and has been one of its main supports for thirty-five years. In his social relations, he is a member and one of the board of trustees of Manchester Lodge, No. 254, K. of P., and is also a member of Hawkeye Tribe, Improved Order of Red Men. He has often served as a delegate in the Democratic conventions of Adams county, and while a resident of Sprigg township was one of its trustees. He was formerly a member of the Manchester Fair Association, and is now identified with the Adams County Agricultural Association.

Major Truitt is well known and universally respected throughout Adams county, where most of his life has been spent, and where he ranks as one of its foremost citizens.

He and his good wife have their residence in the most beautiful portion of Manchester, and in this home they expect to spend a green old age. Both give much of their time and means to the support of the church and its institutions, and they are especially popular with the young people's societies, of which they are very fond. While not wealthy, they are surrounded by the comforts of this life, all of which they enjoy as only those of frugal and honest living can. They delight in sharing a feast occasionally with their friends and neighbors, that life may be spent pleasantly and profitbly. Exemplary Christian lives, with good

words and good wishes for all, and a general pride in, and a public spirit for, the welfare of the community in which they live, is their highest ambition. This disposition can bring nothing but happiness in this world, and in this atmosphere they live.

DREW, SELBY & COMPANY, proprietors of the leading shoe manufactory of Portsmouth. This firm was organized in 1880 as successors of Irving, Drew & Company, then doing business on Second street in the Huston Building. In 1881 the firm removed to the corner of Third and Gay streets, which was their place of business until the present extensive factory buildings were erected by them in 1890, and in which they began business in January, 1891. The main building has a frontage of 200 feet, two stories and a basement, while their lot, which has a depth of 185 feet, is almost completely covered with buildings. Whereas the old Portsmouth Shoe Company turned out 100 pair of shoes per day and employed about forty people, Drew, Selby & Company make about 2,000 pairs of fine shoes per day for ladies and misses and employ 700 hands. In their new works they manufacture about 1,500 pairs per day, while in the old plant at Third and Gay streets they manufacture 500 pairs daily.

Their territory comprises the United States, Canada, and Hawaiian Islands, and they employ twelve traveling men. The business has increased from twenty to twenty-five per cent annually. From the old Portsmouth Shoe Company and from Drew, Selby & Company have sprung all the seven companies manufacturing shoes at Portsmouth, and all these firms have had either the assistance or encouragement of Drew, Selby & Company, who have ever been anxious to make Portsmouth known as a shoe city. Their success may be judged from the statement that they have about the largest factory in the United States selling exclusively to retail trade.

Irving Drew, of the firm of Drew, Selby & Company, was born at Rowley, Massachusetts, July 27, 1849, a son of Frederick and Sarah G. (Bailey) Drew. The ancestors of the Drews in this country are supposed to have settled first in New Jersey, and afterward some of the family removed to Portsmouth, New Hampshire, where the great-grandfather of Irving Drew, Samuel Drew, was born, his son being Joshua Drew, born at Durham, New Hampshire, 1793, died 1843; and the father of Frederick Drew, born at Durham, New Hamphire, February 1, 1817. Sarah G. (Bailey) Drew was a descendant of James Bailey, who came from England and settled in Rowley, Massachusetts, about 1630, ten years after the Pilgrim fathers landed. His descendants in a direct line were John Bailey, Nathaniel Bailey, Deacon David Bailey, Ezekiel Bailey, Ezekiel P. Bailey, and Sarah G. (Bailey) Drew, the mother of Irving Drew. Frederick Drew remained in his native place until about eighteen years of age and then removed to Rowley, Massachusetts. He was married there November 27, 1843, engaged in the manufacture of shoes, and in 1851 came to Ohio, where he spent about nine months as foreman for R. Bell, of Portsmouth, then returning to Massachusetts, and in March, 1854, again went West with his family, locating at Ironton, Ohio, where he was engaged in the retail shoe business till 1862, then removing to the interior part of the State, spending a few months at Delaware

and finally locating at Granville, Ohio, where he was engaged a portion of the time in the retail shoe business and the remainder in farming in the vicinity of that place.

In the spring of 1869, Mr. Drew went to Portsmouth a second time at the solicitation of Mr. R. Bell, and was employed in the shoe factory established in connection with R. Bell & Company, who were extensive jobbers of shoes and were the pioneers in manufacturing shoes by machinery in Portsmouth. The city owes a debt of gratitude to R. Bell, and it is due to him to say that he was extremely persistent in the effort to place the industry on a paying basis here; and, although he never achieved his ambition in this regard directly, yet he did so in an indirect way. It was through his acquaintance with Frederick Drew in Massachusetts that the latter was induced to come to Portsmouth, and to this fact is naturally due the settlement of Irving Drew here, whose connection with Drew, Selby & Company, and with the shoe trade of Portsmouth generally, is so well known.

In about the year 1871 Mr. Drew associated himself with the firm of Rifenberick, Drew & Gregg, who succeeded to the manufacturing department of R. Bell & Company, with which he remained until it was succeeded by the Portsmouth Shoe Manufacturing Company in January, 1874, of which he was also a member. Mr. Drew, having become established in business, removed his family to Portsmouth in 1874. Mr. Drew afterward became a member of the firm of Irving Drew & Company, withdrawing from active connection when this firm was succeeded by Drew, Selby & Company, and was employed by that firm till 1891; then he returned with his family to Rowley, Massachusetts, where they celebrated their golden wedding in 1893, and, at present writing, 1894, still reside.

They had six children, who in order of birth were: Ellen A., residing with parents; F. Austin, who died in Granville, Ohio, at the age of twenty-seven; Irving, our subject; Sarah and Albert, who died in childhood; and Mary S., employed in the office of Drew, Selby & Company since their organization.

Irving Drew, the subject of this sketch, was four years of age when the family came to Ohio. He attended the public schools at Ironton, Delaware and Granville, till sixteen, then a few terms at Clemens Academy and Denison University. At the age of eighteen years he began business on his own account by buying leather remnants and making heels for shoes to be sold in the Eastern market.

Mr. Drew closed that occupation in 1869 to remove to Portsmouth and enter the employ of R. Bell & Company, who had just opened up a shoe factory. He at first made himself generally useful about the factory, but a short time afterward took up shoe-lasting, which, together with running the McKay machine and stock fitting, engaged his attention for the most part until the panic of 1873 paralyzed business generally. The firm of Rifenberick, Drew & Gregg, with whom he was then employed, wished to close out, and Mr. Drew at once began a movement with a few other active spirits to form a co-operative company, made up in most part of workmen from the firm which they were to succeed, and continue the business. After the utmost efforts they succeeded in raising the means necessary to take up and carry on the old business of Rifenberick, Drew & Gregg. The Ports-

mouth Shoe Manufacturing Company was the result, and the foundation was laid for the present great shoe industry of this city. The advance of Mr. Drew in the business since that time is a part of the history of Portsmouth. The company was incorporated in January, 1874. Henry Padan was made president; William Koblens (until recently with the Union Shoe Company, of Chillicothe), vice president; and Irving Drew, secretary, treasurer and general manager. They were practical men in the business, were bent on making it a success, and as a result made the first money from shoe manufacturing at Portsmouth.

In January, 1877, Mr. Drew and his father severed their connection with the Portsmouth Shoe Manufacturing Company on account of the ambitious natures of its leading members requiring a freer field for action. Mr. Drew then organized the firm of Irving Drew & Company, beginning at 120 West Second street, in the Houston Building.

In 1880 George D. Selby entered the firm, Frederick Drew withdrawing from active connection, and the firm of Drew, Selby & Company was organized, the company being B. Damon, who continued two years and then withdrew.

Mr. Drew was married June 30, 1879, to Miss Ella A. Gates, a native of Cheshire, Ohio, and a daughter of W. W. and Alvira (Nye) Gates, whose parents came to this State from Connecticut. To this union have been born six children, viz.: Leroy Irving, Mabel Arelie, Marjorie Gates, Rowena Nye, Hazel Bailey and Frederick Wallace.

Mr. Drew is a member of the Second Presbyterian Church, and has been an officer since its organization. In political matters he is a Prohibitionist.

George G. Selby, of the firm of Drew, Selby & Company, was born in Berne township, Athens county, Ohio, April 1, 1846, a son of Hines C. and Sarah A. (Rardin) Selby. The family are of English descent, and our subject is of the fifth generation in this country, the founder of the family here, William Selby, having settled at East Haddon, Connecticut, about 1730. William Selby's son was Jeremiah and the latter's son was Dyar, who is in the direct line from our subject. The grandfather of George D. Selby was born in Connecticut, resided for some time in New York State, and later moving to Ohio lived on a farm, but being of a mechanical turn made wagons, furniture, etc. On coming to this State he located on the Muskingum river seven miles from Marietta, then moving to Wesley township, Washington county, but a few years afterward removed to Athens county, where he died in 1873, at the age of eighty-nine years. His wife departed this life about twenty years previously at the age of sixty-two years. She was born in Massachusetts.

Hines C., the father of George, was born near Palmyra, New York, in 1815, removed with his parents to Washington county, Ohio, two years later, residing in that vicinity until his death, which occurred in the adjoining county of Athens, in June, 1890. His wife was born in Washington county, a daughter of William and Elizabeth Rardin. Her paternal ancestors were Irish and her maternal ancestors German. Mrs. Selby departed this life in June, 1889, at the age of sixty-eight years. Both she and her husband are buried in the Mount Hermon United Brethren Cemetery. They were the parents of ten children, namely; John W., of Westmoreland, Pottawatomie county,

Kansas; George D., our subject; H. T., wife of Finley P. Graham, of Springfield, Missouri; Sarah J., wife of Joseph W. Edgerton, of Grand Island, Nebraska; Sanford P., connected with the McCormick Harvester Company at Des Moines, Iowa; James O., engaged in the shoe factory of Drew, Selby & Company; Samuel V., who resides at the old homestead; Roena, wife of Leslie Burfield, of Brown's Mills, Washington county; David H., deceased in January, 1876, at the age of twenty-seven years; and Prudence, who died at the age of fourteen years.

George D. Selby, the subject of this sketch, resided in Athens county until eighteen years of age, engaged at farm work during the summer and attended school in the winter. In February, 1865, he enlisted in the United States service at Marietta, became a member of Company H, One Hundred Eighty-sixth Ohio Regiment, at Camp Chase, went to Cleveland, Tennessee, later to Dalton, Georgia, next to Chattanooga, thence to Nashville, and was mustered out of service in September, 1865. Returning to his old home in Ohio, Mr. Selby attended school one year at Miller's Seminary, Athens county. During the winter of 1866-7 he taught the district school which he had attended in his youth. In the spring of the latter year he went to Portsmouth, where he was employed as the manager of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, until 1885, and since that time his attention has been given entirely to the shoe manufacturing business.

Mr. Selby was married in Meigs county, Ohio, September 26, 1867, to Miss Lydia Webster, who was born and married in the same house. She is a daughter of Isaac A. and Lydia (Ashton) Webster. Our subject and wife have five children: Pearl E., who has charge of the pattern work and fitting for Drew, Selby & Company; Cora W., attending college at Delaware, Ohio; Mark W.; Homer C.; and Roger A. Mr. Selby was one of the organizers and the first Quartermaster of Bailey Post, No. 364, G. A. R. In political matters he affiliates with the Republican party.

J. M. Graham, Will W. Gates and P. E. Selby, having been faithful employes of the firm for many years, have worked themselves into positions of responsibility and trust, and during recent years have been financially interested and share in the profits of the business.

STRANDER J. PARRETT is recognized as one of the foremost men of Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, where he was born November 5, 1833. His father, George Parrett, was a Virginian, born in Shenandoah county, in 1793, and in 1814 emigrated to Ohio, settling in Ross county; four years later he purchased a farm, or rather land that he developed into a desirable farm; the place was heavily timbered, but with characteristic zeal and energy he felled the giant trees, placed the land under cultivation, and before many years elapsed gathered some bountiful harvests. He was a Presbyterian, and for several years was an Elder in the Church. He was united in marriage to Millie Wilkin, a native of Shenandoah county, Virginia, and a daughter of Henry and Rachel Wilkin. Her parents were Virginians, who emigrated to Ohio in 1802 and located eight miles south of Hillsboro, in Highland county; the father of the Wilkin family died in the following February, and

the mother lived in Highland county until her death. Mr. Parrett's mother lived in Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, from 1818 until her death, which occurred in 1883, at the age of eighty-six years. They reared a family of eight children, five of whom are now living. Strander J. Parrett is the seventh-born of this family. He attended the common schools of this county and later had the advantages afforded in the academy at South Salem. He remained a member of his father's household until 1860, when he began farming independently. His father died in 1863.

Mr. Parrett was married in 1860 to Sarah A. Latta, who was born near Lattaville, Ross county, Ohio, a daughter of William Latta, a native of Pennsylvania, descended from Irish ancestors. Mr. Latta removed to Ohio and settled in Ross county, where he spent the remainder of his life engaged in farming; he died at the age of seventy years. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett are the parents of a family of three children: Alfred F., Albina A. and William Latta. The children have been afforded excellent educational facilities, all having been pupils in the academy at South Salem.

Politically our worthy subject affiliates with the Republican party, having cast his first vote for Gen. Fremont; he has been a delegate to the various conventions of his party, and has served as Trustee and Assessor of his township. He and his wife are both members of the Presbyterian Church, and he has been an Elder of the society since 1867.

In his farming operations Mr. Parrett has been very successful, and has acquired some valuable property, owning 200 acres in one tract, and 160 in another. He carries on a general farming business, and is numbered among the most reliable citizens of Ross county. He is a man of wide information, well posted upon the current topics of interest, and withal is a most genial companion.

JOHN W. ROGERS, Recorder of Highland county, Ohio, was born in Liberty township, this county, December 9, 1865. His parents, John R. and Cynthia (Selph) Rogers, were both born in this county, the date of his father's birth being 1833. Both the Rogers and Selph families were among the pioneers of Highland county, prosperous farmers and highly respected citizens. Grandfather Coleman Selph came here from Rockbridge county, Virginia, about 1820, and settled in Penn township, near where Samatha is now located, and became the owner of a large tract of land, at one time owning a thousand acres or more. His chief products were pork and wheat, which he hauled to Cincinnati to market.

John W. Rogers was left an orphan at the age of five years. He lived with his mother until he was of the age of fourteen, when he started out to battle through life for himself by working as a farm hand during the summer and attending the district schools in the winter. After working for nine years as a farm hand he came to Hillsborough and secured a clerkship in H. Strain & Company's grocery, one of the largest wholesale and retail houses in the city. Subsequently he was traveling salesman for a large manufacturing house at Hamilton, Ohio, and his next venture was in the hotel business in Leesburg, Highland county, where he met with success, and was known far and near as jovial,

happy Rogers, proprietor of the Griffith House, where he continued from March, 1891, until his election to his present office, that of County Recorder. He was elected to this office by the Republican party, with which he has been identified ever since he has been a voter. Fraternally he affiliates with the I. O. O. F.

Mr. Rogers was married October 24, 1893, to Miss Rosa Roads, of Penn township, this county, and a daughter of James Roads. Her ancestors were among the early settlers of this part of the country.

HENRY MULLYNEAUX BROWN, M. D., of the firm of Brown, Glenn & Nelson, Hillsborough, Ohio, was born on his father's farm near Buford, Highland county, Ohio, August 28, 1858, son of John and Elizabeth (Duval) Brown.

Allen Brown, his grandfather, came to this country from the north of Ireland in 1825. Grandmother Brown was descended from a family of French Huguenots who escaped to Scotland and a hundred years later removed from that place to Ireland. They were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Of the Doctor's maternal ancestry, we record that the Duvals were among the early settlers of this country. General Duval, his great uncle, came to America before the War of Independence, through which he served.

The subject of our sketch remained at home until he was sixteen years of age, receiving a good education. Then, young as he was, he began the study of medicine, reading under the direction of Dr. Bryan of Buford during the summer months and attending the Medical College of Ohio through the winter. Having received a diploma from this institution in the spring of 1878, he immediately opened an office at Williamsburg, Ohio, where he successfully practiced his profession until 1882.

While our Western cities produce excellent medical schools, still it is not to be presumed that they can give the advantages offered by the schools of our large Eastern cities, and this is especially true so far as hospital practice is concerned. Dr. Brown, wishing to give himself the very best advantages offered by the schools of this country, therefore entered upon the regular course at Bellevue, New York city, in the spring of 1882, and one year later received his degree. He then came to Hillsborough, Ohio, and opened an office. His practice increased so rapidly that he soon found himself unable to give it the proper attention. August 16, 1888, a partnership was formed with Dr. W. W. Glenn, and in 1892 Dr. L. Nelson became a member of the firm, which now reads Brown, Glenn & Nelson.

The same ambition which induced Dr. Brown to take a course at Bellevue now led him to plan a trip to Europe in order to study in the hospitals of her principal cities. Accordingly, in 1891, he visited London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, and for eight months surrounded himself with the highest skill known to the profession.

The firm as mentioned above has the largest practice of any in Highland county. While the head of the firm makes a specialty of surgery, the firm as a whole does the business of a general practitioner. Dr. Brown has the distinction of having practiced more years than any man of his age in the State. He has held the position of Health Officer for a number of years, and was recently elected a City Councilman.

Ira Mosher.

By his first marriage Dr. Brown has one child, Margene Ellen, born May 9, 1885. His second marriage was celebrated October 27, 1892, the lady being Miss Tracy Trimble, a granddaughter of ex-Governor Allen Trimble, of Ohio.

DR. WILLIAM WALTER GLENN, of the above named firm is a grandson of Wilson Glenn, who came from Virginia to Highland county, Ohio, about 1830, and settled three miles East of Hillsborough, where he died in 1834. Alexander Harvey Glenn, the father of our subject, removed to Clermont county, Ohio, at an early age, where he studied and practiced medicine. In 1852 he was married to Isabella VanDyke and on October 11, 1853, William Walter was born at Cedron, Clermont county, Ohio. In 1868 he removed with his father's family to Sardinia, Brown county, Ohio, where the father opened a drug store, which he conducted until the time of his death, in 1891. The son, who was an only child, received his education in the public schools at Sardinia and later attended a normal school at Georgetown, Ohio. He then taught school and studied medicine, attending the Medical College of Ohio in 1876-7 and graduated at Starling Medical College in 1879. He was married to Sarah A. Marshall and began the practice of his profession at Sardinia, Ohio. In 1881 he removed to Bloomingburg, Ohio, where he remained five years. The winter of 1883-4 he spent at the Polyclinic and Post-Graduate schools of New York. He then practiced one year in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and located in Hillsborough, Ohio, in January, 1888. In August of the same year he became associated with Dr. Brown. His record for ability, uprightness and skill in his profession is attested by a host of friends.

Dr Glenn has three children,—Bliss, Nina and Faith,—aged respectively eleven, nine and four years.

IRA MOSHER, senior member of the firm of Ira Mosher & Son, grocers, of Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in Shaftsbury, Bennington county, Vermont, March 12, 1832. His father, Sebra Mosher, was of Saxon lineage, his parents having come to America from England. He grew to manhood on a farm in Bennington county, Vermont, from which locality he subsequently removed to Erie county, New York, locating near Buffalo. His mother, Catherine (Hogle) Mosher, was of Holland descent, her parents having been large land owners on White creek in the State of New York.

Sebra and Catherine Mosher had four children, all of whom are now living in Chillicothe, Ohio, namely: Sylvester H., a retired grocer; Ira, subject of this review; Samuel Earl, an inventor, and Olive E., wife of F. M. DeWeese, a manufacturer and also owner of the Clinton Park stock farm, near Chillicothe.

Ira Mosher received his education in the common schools,—principally in a little red schoolhouse on the banks of the Walloomsack, where the most potent incentive to study was the teacher's rod, which was utilized without reserve and which doubtless had much to do with instilling into the youthful mind of our subject those sterling principles which have had so marked an influence upon his later life and its successful issue. When twelve years of age he

began to work for wages, receiving for his services the notable stipend of six and one-fourth cents per day; when fourteen years of age he began an apprenticeship in a square factory, and soon acquired the trade of making steel squares, remaining in the employ of the firm with whom his apprenticeship was served for a period of six years. He then purchased a livery business in Bennington, Vermont, and successfully continued this enterprise for a year. Soon after attaining his majority he determined to try his fortunes in the West, and accordingly located at Chillicothe, Ohio, where he engaged in the manufacturing of sash, doors and blinds, being simultaneously interested in the marble business.

In 1855 Mr. Mosher returned to Vermont and was there united in marriage to Mary Elizabeth Boynton, of Bennington, daughter of Captain Paul and Nancy (Wheeler) Boynton. Paul Boynton was commander of a company in the war of 1812; he died at Bennington at the advanced age of seventy-six years. His widow is still living and is in the enjoyment of excellent health for one of her venerable years. She celebrated her one hundredth birthday anniversary, at Hoosick Falls, New York, July 9, 1893, surrounded by many of her friends and descendants. She is the mother of eleven children, seven of whom are living.

Our subject retained his business interests in Chillicothe until the summer of 1856, when he disposed of all and removed to Illinois, where he spent two years in opening up a prairie farm. Becoming dissatisfied with his environments and prospects he again moved, this time returning to his old Vermont home and opening a restaurant in North Bennington, continuing the enterprise for about a year. In 1860 he again returned to Ohio, engaging in the meat market business at Chillicothe. At the end of a few months he disposed of this business and entered the employ of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, accepting a position in their car shops at Zaleski, Vinton county, Ohio. He retained this position until 1865, when he once more returned to Chillicothe, where he purchased a notion wagon and stock of goods and commenced driving about Ross and adjoining counties, supplying the country merchants with all needed supplies in his line. Meeting with gratifying success he soon opened up a general merchandise business in Chillicothe, conducting the enterprise successfully for a term of years. In 1871 he again determined to try his fortunes in the line of agriculturism, and, with this end in view, he disposed of his mercantile business and purchased a farm in Springfield township, Ross county. He remained on the farm one year and one day and then returned to Chillicothe, where he once more engaged in business, opening a grocery store in the old Carlisle Block, near the corner of Paint and Main streets,—but a few doors from his present eligible location. His business had a steady growth and he was soon compelled to seek more commodious quarters. In 1873 he removed his business to the present location, the property at that time belonging to Isaac Cory, who had for many years been one of the prominent grocers of the county. With Mr. Mosher business continued to thrive, and in December, 1878, he acquired by purchase the Cory property. For several years he occupied the building both as a residence and place of business; as he prospered he made changes in the property, and it is now utilized exclusively as a business block. The store and salesroom

occupied by the firm of Ira Mosher & Son is one of the largest, most convenient and eligible for the grocery business to be found in southern Ohio.

In the spring of 1878 Mr. Mosher admitted to full partnership in the grocery business his only son, Charles P., who has taken an active part in the conduct and management of the enterprise since that time. The business motto of the firm has ever been: "To gain the good will of the public by fair and honorable treatment," and, employing correct business methods, they cater to a representative retail trade and carry a stock surpassed by but few of the stores in even cities of much greater population.

While he believes in the principles of the Republican party Mr. Mosher is not a politician. He and his wife are members of the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church; the family home, on South Paint street, is a pleasant and attractive one and has all the comforts of the nineteenth century civilization. Mr. Mosher still retains an active interest in business affairs and is closely identified with the management of the enterprise noted in this connection, being one of the representative and honored business men of Chillicothe.

CHARLES P. MOSHER, only child of Ira and Mary (Boynton) Mosher, was born in Lodi, Iroquois county, Illinois, December 20, 1856. At the age of nine years he entered the public schools of Chillicothe, Ohio, and there continued his educational discipline until he had attained the age of about seventeen years, when he was compelled to resign his studies for about three months to attend his father, who had met with a painful accident in the breaking of one of his legs.

Having already secured a considerable experience in the grocery business, under the direction of his father, our subject chose to devote his attention to this line of enterprise instead of resuming his studies in school. In 1876 his father sent him to the Eastman National Business College, at Poughkeepsie, New York, where he completed the prescribed course in thirteen weeks, after which he returned to his home and was admitted by his father to full partnership in the latter's grocery business. Our subject has since maintained an active part in furthering the interests of the enterprise, which is one of the most important and representative mercantile undertakings in the city.

Charles P. Mosher was united in marriage, November 23, 1880, to Miss Edith M. Reeves, of Chillicothe, and they have one child living, Mabel E., born January 17, 1884.

Our subject is identified with the Masonic order, is a member of the Board of Education, and served for some time as secretary of the Chillicothe Board of Trade, of which organization he is now a member of the board of directors. He and his wife are devoted members of the First Presbyterian Church. They own and occupy a most attractive home on South Paint street, near their father's residence, and their lives are certainly cast in pleasant places. Mr. Mosher being evidently a man who is satisfied with the world and with his surroundings.

JAMES G. STEEL, a resident of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, is deserving of personal mention in this work, and a brief sketch of his life and ancestry is herewith presented:

James Steel, the father of James G., was born in Biggar, a small town in Lanarkshire, Scotland, July 20, 1807, son of James Steel, also a native of Scotland. The Steel family emigrated to America in 1816 and settled near Winchester, Virginia. Two years and a half later they came West to Ross county, Ohio, where Grandfather and Grandmother Steel spent the rest of their lives. Grandmother Steel's maiden name was Jane Gladstone, she being a cousin of Lord Gladstone's father. The mother of our subject, who before her marriage was Jane Somerville, was born in Twin township, this county, daughter of the late John Somerville, a native of Scotland. Her mother, *née* Elizabeth Smith, was born near Bainbridge, Ohio. James and Jane Steel became the parents of thirteen children, ten of whom reached adult years, their names being John S., James G., William, Alexander, Elizabeth J., Mary I., Emma, Margaret, Alice and Samuel. William was a soldier in the Union army. He died at Cumberland Gap, Kentucky, at the expiration of his term of service, he having enlisted for six months.

James G. Steel was born in Paxton township, near Bainbridge, Ross county, Ohio, January 29, 1840, and when he was about two years old his parents moved to Scioto township, where he was reared to manhood. He continued a member of the home circle until the fall of 1861, when he was employed as teacher near Bainbridge. He taught two winter terms near that place and one term near Chillicothe, spending his summers in farm work. Farming has been his chief occupation in life. He is the owner of nearly 1,000 acres of land in Twin township and conducts his operations on an extensive scale.

February 15, 1872, he married Miss Margaret Alice Igou, who was born in Twin township, this county, May 2, 1852, daughter of William and Juliann (McKenzie) Igou. Her father was born in Twin township, July 1, 1810, and died March 5, 1887, while her mother was born in Pike county, June 18, 1816, and is still living. Mr. and Mrs. Igou were the parents of seven children,—Elizabeth, Lewis, John, Marie, Patience, Mary and Margaret Alice. Mr. and Mrs. Steel have had ten children, whose names are as follows: Arthur L., William J., Jennie B., Julia, Gladstone M., Edward N., Nellie F., Ethel M., Samuel A., and Margaret A. All are living except Julia, who died at the age of fourteen months.

Politically, Mr. Steel is a Republican, and has held the office of Township Trustee two terms. He and his wife are active members of the Presbyterian Church, and occupy a high place in the esteem of a large circle of friends.

HON. BYRON LUTZ, whose family has long been prominent in the annals of Ohio, has himself taken a place in her history that reflects credit upon an illustrious ancestry. He was born in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, May 19, 1846, a son of Samuel G. Lutz, also a native of the State, born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, March 13, 1817. His grandfather was the Hon. Samuel Lutz, who was born in Pennsylvania, March 13, 1789, and died September 1, 1890, at the age of 102 years. He emigrated to Ohio in 1802, arriving at Lancaster in October of that year, and afterward located on Salt creek in Pickaway county, where he was among the very earli-

est settlers; there he cleared and improved a farm on which he lived the remainder of his days. He was a man of superior education, and for several years served as surveyor of Pickaway county. His word was truly as good as his bond, and his testimony was frequently taken in court without the ceremony of his being sworn. In December, 1838, he purchased 1,400 acres of land in Ross county, lying along Yellow Bud creek, where his two sons and a daughter took up their abode. He wedded Elizabeth Fethernelf in September, 1811, and to them were born fourteen children, five of whom died in infancy; eight of the family still survive. Mr. Lutz was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was a member of the General Assembly of Ohio during four terms, 1830–1, 1831–2, 1835–6 and 1849–50. He was widely known throughout the State, and was highly respected for his many admirable traits of character.

Samuel G. Lutz was the eldest of the nine children, who lived to maturity, and is the only one deceased. He was married in December, 1838, to Magdalena Reichelderfer, who was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, Ohio. On the 6th day of April, the following year, he removed to Ross county and settled on land in Union township, which he occupied until the time of his death in February, 1885. Being a member of the Pickaway County Cavalry, he was called out to defend Ohio upon the boundary question, which was one of dispute with the State of Michigan. He served as Magistrate of Union township during the long term of thirty-three years, and held other local offices, discharging his duties always with rare fidelity. His wife died in 1872. Henry Reichelderfer, her father, lived to the advanced age of ninety-three years; he was a native of Bucks county, Pennsylvania, and removed thence to Ohio in 1804, locating in Salt Creek township, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until his death.

Byron Lutz is the fifth in a family of nine children, four of whom are living. Until the age of fourteen years he availed himself of the privilege of attending the district school, and after that time gave his energies to the cultivation of the farm. The monotony of his life was broken by the call to arms, to which he responded with all the ardor of a youth of sixteen years. He enlisted in Company K, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and bore himself gallantly until the end of the struggle. He participated in many of the most noted engagements of the war, and September 20, 1863, was badly wounded at Chickamauga. He was shot through the right lung and was left on the battle-field, falling into the hands of the enemy. He was paroled the first day of October and was immediately sent to Chattanooga, where he was exchanged after his recovery. Joining his regiment June 1, 1864, he took part in Sherman's march to the sea, was in the engagement at New Hope Church, Peach Tree creek, Altoona, Lovejoy station, Savannah, Fayetteville and Bentonville, and witnessed Johnston's surrender. He was mustered out at Washington, District of Columbia, June 7, 1865, and was in the grand review in that city. Returning to his home after the inauguration of peace he turned his attention to the more profitable occupation of husbandry.

Mr. Lutz was married March 10, 1868, to Miss Martha Thompson, a daughter of James H. and Catherine Thompson, and of this union four children have been born: Laura, wife of O. L. Smith, and the mother

of four children; Olive, the wife of J. R. McCoy, a farmer of South Union township; Charles H. and Byron N.

Mr. Lutz is an ardent Republican and has always taken an active interest in the movements of his party. He has served his township eighteen years as Justice of the Peace and was Trustee during one term. In 1891 he was elected a member of the Seventieth General Assembly of Ohio, and in this capacity gave evidence of excellent executive ability; he was a member of the Committee on Public Works, of which he was chosen chairman.

Mr. Lutz owns 400 acres of land on Deer creek and is one of the most successful farmers in the valley. Employing the most approved methods he secures the best results, Nature ever yielding her most abundant harvests to the wisest hand. He has made his way in life single-handed and alone, his only heritage being that most imperishable legacy, "a good name."

ROBERT S. HARMOUNT was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, May 10, 1835. His father was George B. Harmount, a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his grandfather, Robert Harmount, was born in Ireland, although of English descent, tracing his ancestry to the time of William the Conqueror. Robert Harmount crossed the sea to America, and resided for a time in the State of Pennsylvania. He afterward removed to Ohio, where he died at a ripe old age. George B. Harmount removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, about 1834, and two years later went to Union township; thence he moved to Williamsport, Pickaway, county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his life: he died at the age of sixty-one years. His wife, whose maiden name was Ann Mary Baughman, was born in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of John Baughman, who was one of the early settlers of Ross county. She died at the age of seventy years.

Robert S. Harmount is the second of a family of twelve children. He remained under the parental roof until the age of eighteen years, when he went to Columbus, Ohio; there he was stricken with cholera, which came near terminating his life. In 1854 he and his brother John located at Clarksburg, where they opened a carriage-making establishment. In March, 1866, he settled on his present farm in Deerfield township.

Mr. Harmount was united in marriage, May 21, 1861, to Sarah Elizabeth Timmons, daughter of John W. and Ann E. (Pryor) Timmons. Six children have been born of this union: Louetta May, George Pryor, Ann Elizabeth, deceased, Timmons, Robert Simpson and Ralph. They have enjoyed excellent educational facilities and have made the best use of their opportunities.

May 2, 1864, Mr. Harmount enlisted in the One Hundred Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served until the expiration of his term. His brother, George B., also served as a soldier of the Union. Politically our subject affiliates with the Republican party. He is a member of the G. A. R. and of the I. O. O. F. His time and attention are given to the cultivation of a choice tract of 166 acres, a portion of the land orginally settled by the Rev. Stephen Timmons.

STEPHEN TIMMONS was born in Worcester county, Maryland, August 6, 1769,

a descendant of English ancestors. His father was a stanch anti-slavery man, and from him the son finally learned the law of universal brotherhood. Thenceforward he took up the cause of the poor, oppressed black with a zeal that would do credit to the most ardent philanthropist, and his life was spent in efforts to alleviate the sufferings of humanity. In the year 1791 he united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was shortly afterward appointed leader for two classes. Later he received a call from the Baltimore Conference to enter the ministry, and in 1795 he was appointed to the Northumberland circuit. It was not until the autumn of 1798 that he came to the frontier and made a thorough investigation of the resources of the Scioto valley. Returning to his circuit he published the impressions he had received of this fertile section he had visited, but his reports were accepted only by the most credulous. In 1799 he re-visited the Scioto valley in company with White Brown, who returned with Mr. Timmons to his home to confirm the statements he had formerly made. Failing health necessitated his withdrawal from the conference, and during the last part of the year of 1801 he crossed the mountains to the "promised land" for the last time.

He was married in March, 1802, to Milla Brown, daughter of White Brown. Soon afterward he purchased 250 acres of land, erected a log cabin in the heart of the forest, and there began his actual residence upon the frontier. The service he performed for that community can scarcely be estimated: he aided and encouraged them in their efforts to sustain their families, provided social entertainments in the midst of the rudest surroundings, and gave to the settlement a dignity and standing quite in keeping with his own high ideals. His views upon the temperance question were far in advance of his time, and a sermon that he delivered upon this subject at Dry Run Church aroused the rougher elements of that section to a threat of mobbing the preacher. As a speaker he was possessed of wonderful power and rare gifts. He was generous in every fiber of his nature, the ready help to those in need.

The children of the first marriage were, Thomas Jefferson, John Wesley, Francis Asbury (an itinerant minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-six years), Stephen, Lucretia, Clarkson and Milla White. The first wife died February 6, 1832. He was afterward married to Lydia Cartwright Comberford, a relative of the noted Peter Cartwright; by this marriage there were also six children, four sons and two daughters; two of the sons, Joseph E. and James F., were soldiers in the late war. Joseph died on the battlefield of Gettysburg, of wounds received in that battle. On the 20th day of September, 1849, he was gathered to his fathers, at the advanced age of eighty years. The funeral services were conducted by William Reeves, after which the remains were laid to rest in the family burying-ground. The body was afterward removed to the cemetery at Brown's Chapel.

John W. Timmons, father of Mrs. Harmount, was a son of the Rev. Stephen Timmons. He was thrice married, the first union being with Sarah Brown, who bore him three children; the second wife was Ann E. Pryor, who was the mother of nine children; the third union was to Margaret Clifford, who still survives. Mr. Tim-

mons died June 20, 1878, aged seventy-two years. Samuel Pryor Timmons, son of John W. Timmons, Sr., was a soldier in the late Civil war, serving in the First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died a prisoner at Andersonville, September 16, 1864. His brother, John Wesley, served his country in the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and died at Circleville, Ohio, August 26, 1881.

SIMON HOLDERMAN, who owns and occupies one of the finest residences in Kingston, Ross county, Ohio, is ranked with the leading men of this place. More than a passing mention is due him on the pages of this work.

Simon Holderman was born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, Ohio, February 4, 1842. George Holderman, his father, a native of the same township and county, was born December 20, 1812, son of Christopher Holderman, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania. The Holderman family originated in Holland, and during the early settlement of this country came over to America and located in Pennsylvania. Christopher Holderman emigrated to Ohio as early as 1804, and entered land in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county. The following spring he returned to Pennsylvania, but soon afterward came back to Ohio and built a cabin on his land. In 1806 he married Eleanor Black, who had emigrated to Ohio that same year, coming hither from Maryland. After their marriage they settled down on the land he had entered, to the cultivation and improvement of which he devoted the rest of his life. To his original holdings he added other land until he became the owner of 1,000 acres, which fell to his heirs at the time of his death, 1847. For many years he was a faithful member of the Baptist Church. His wife died about 1854, being eighty-eight at the time of her death. They reared fourteen children, seven sons and seven daughters. The youngest died at about the age of eighteen years and the others all lived to be over forty. Two of the number still survive.

George Holderman was the fourth born in the above family. He was reared on his father's farm, and upon reaching his majority engaged in farming operations for himself. His whole life was spent in Salt Creek township, his own farm being three-quarters of a mile from the spot where he was born. Finally he purchased the old Holderman homestead, on which he spent the closing years of his life, and died April 8, 1880. He was a man of natural shrewdness and more than ordinary business ability. In connection with his farming and stock raising, he dealt largely in real estate, buying and selling whenever opportunity offered an advantageous transfer. At one time he owned as much as 2,000 acres of land. He took up surveying and became a practical surveyor, and also an excellent accountant. Indeed, there was not a better financier in all the country around. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Jones, was born in Ross county, Colerain township, a descendant of an old Virginia family. She died April 4, 1884, aged sixty-seven years. Her Church membership was with the old school Baptists. They had four sons: Lewis, Nelson, Simon and Wilson, and two daughters, Sarah E. and Ida, of whom only the subject of our sketch and his two sisters are living.

Simon Holderman grew up on his father's farm, and his common-school education was supplemented by more than two years of study at Athens, Ohio. He engaged in farming in Pickaway township, Pickaway county, in the spring of 1864, and continued there for ten years. In 1874 he removed to Kingston, Ross county, and turned his attention to the lumber business, conducting the same from 1876 until 1883. In 1885 he erected an elevator and for two years bought and shipped grain. Since that time he has been practically retired. He still owns a large farm in Pickaway county, comprising 330 acres of choice land.

Mr. Holderman was married January 21, 1864, to Josephine Brundige, a native of Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, Ohio. They have two daughters, Ildegerte and Emily B., both graduates of The Western, a college and seminary for women at Oxford, Ohio,

Mr. Holderman is a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and he and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. In politics, he is a Republican. In November, 1893, he was elected County Commissioner of Ross county on the Republican ticket.

ULYSSES A. PLYLEY, who owns and occupies the old Plyley homestead, comprising 167 acres of land, in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, has been identified with this place all his life. Mr. Plyley's grandparents, Caspar and Margaret Plyley, settled in this county at the beginning of the present century, and both died in Twin township, his death occurring May 28, 1849, hers March 19, 1836. Their son William, the father of our subject, was born here October 2, 1801, spent his whole life in Twin township, and died March 25, 1891. William Plyley's wife, *née* Margaret Zimmerman, was born in this county, March 5, 1807, and died here February 14, 1881. They had eight children, their names in order of birth being: Caspar C., Eliza J., Amanda, William C., Clarissa S., Mary E., Ulysses A. and Alice M.

Ulysses A. Plyley was born in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, September 3, 1844, and was here reared and educated. His whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits.

He was married in this county, October 9, 1878, to Miss Isabella Cope, who was born here, June 1, 1844, daughter of Daniel A. and Susanna (Moses) Cope, her father being one of the early settlers of Concord township this county. Mr. and Mrs. Plyley became the parents of one child, George Alfred, who was born August 20, 1879, and died October 22, 1882. They are members of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM PIERCE NEWMAN, Postmaster of Peebles, and ex-Sheriff of Adams county, was born on Scioto Brush creek, in Franklin township, on August 29, 1852, and is a son of John and Ann (Herdman) Newman. Grandfather Newman was the original settler of the family in this State and located first in Dunlap, Scioto county, later removing to Scioto Brush creek, just over the line. He was from Virginia. Both he and his wife died in Adams county. John Newman was born in Scioto but reared in Adams county; he was a farmer by occupation. He died on January 7, 1876, aged seventy-one years. His wife is still living, now (1894) aged about seventy-four years.

They had ten children, of whom our subject is the seventh in order of age.

William P. Newman, whose name heads this sketch, was born in Adams county, and when thirteen years of age removed to Scioto county, where he resided about twelve years. After his marriage he came back to Adams county and located near Peebles on a farm, where he followed the vocation of farmer until 1887, when he was elected Sheriff for Adams county, serving in that capacity during the years 1888 and 1889. He then engaged again in farming, but in August, 1893, became Postmaster of Peebles, which position he now fills.

Mr. Newman was married in Scioto county, Ohio, September 25, 1873, to Miss Susanna Thompson, who was born in Scioto county, and is a daughter of Solomon and Mary B. (Edwards) Thompson. They have three children living, namely: Flora E., Orva A. and Alva E. They have lost one child, Ira F., who died at the age of eighteen months. In politics he is active in the interests of the Democratic party, and has been several times a delegate to Congressional conventions. He served as Justice of the Peace in Meigs township, but resigned his office after an incumbency of about eighteen months, when elected Sheriff. He was also Assessor of Meigs township for one year. When elected Sheriff he also resigned the office of Mayor of Peebles, in which latter capacity he was the first to serve in that progressive town.

JESSE BRUNDIGE, a member of the firm of Brundige & Boggs, dealers in grain, lumber, coal, salt, cement, etc., and one of the foremost men of Kingston, Ross county, was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, October 5, 1846. His grandfather, Col. Thomas Brundige, emigrated from New York to that county prior to the war of 1812. He was among the pioneer settlers there, and took up a tract of land, principally prairie. He reared twelve children, and his death occurred at a ripe old age. William Brundige, the eldest in the above family, was a farmer by occupation, and he died at the age of forty-seven years. The mother of our subject, *née* Emily Palmer, was a native of Pennsylvania, but her parents came to Ohio when she was four years of age. She died at the age of seventy-four years.

Jesse Brundige, the seventh in a family of eight children, was but a lad when his father died, and was reared to farm life. His three elder brothers went to the war, and he was left at home to care for his mother. One of the brothers fell at the battle of Atlanta. Mr. Brundige worked out by the month for a time, and in 1877 came to Kingston, where he entered the employ of Simon Holderman, a lumber dealer, remaining there three years. In 1880 he embarked in the same business for himself, but after a time he formed a partnership with his former employer, which continued four years. Mr. Brundige then bought his partner's interest, and continued in business alone for about six years. He next consolidated his lumber and coal business with that of Samuel Boggs, with whom he has remained in partnership since that time. The firm carry on an extensive business, approximating $100,000 annually. Both are reliable men, and enjoy the confidence of a large number of friends.

In 1881 Mr. Brundige was united in marriage with Miss Lanella Wright, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and descended from

one of the first settlers of this county. They have six children. Mr. and Mrs. Brundige are members of the Presbyterian Church. In political matters Mr. Brundige votes with the Republican party, but does not seek public preferment.

DR. CAREY S. McCAFFERTY is one of the most prominent young physicians of Chillicothe, taking a leading position among his medical brethren in Ross county.

He was born in South Union township, Ross county, Ohio, July 14, 1868, a son of Elijah McCafferty, who was born in the same place, and grandson of David McCafferty, one of the early settlers of the county; he owned 800 acres of land and was extensively engaged in the raising of live stock. Elijah McCafferty shared his father's occupation, and was the owner of 350 acres of land, which he had under good cultivation. He died in 1881, at the age of forty-six years. He married Catharine Fulton, a native of South Union township, who became the mother of four children, three daughters and a son, and died in 1887. Both the parents were exemplary members of the Third Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe. Mr. McCafferty was an ardent supporter of the Democratic party, and held some of the township offices, discharging his duties with signal fidelity.

Dr. McCafferty, our subject, spent his boyhood days on his father's farm, and attended the district school until a youth of sixteen years. He then entered the public schools of Chillicothe, and also attended the academy at Bloomingburg in Fayette county. Early in 1887 he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Drs. Galbraith and Leslie, and continued his course of study under the tuition of Professor J. L. Cilley, demonstrator of anatomy in the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati. He attended a course of lectures in that college and then continued his studies under the preceptorship of Professor D. N. Kinsman for one year. He received the degree of M. D. at the Columbus Medical College, March 4, 1890, at which time he also took the general faculty prize,—$50 in money and a set of surgical instruments; and also took Professor Coleman's special prize for the highest standing in physical diagnosis, which was a set of instruments for examining the heart and lungs.

In the month of April, 1890, he located in Chillicothe, and since that time has established himself in a good practice. He is a member of the Ross County and the State Medical Societies; is progressive in his ideas, and is a close student of the science of medicine and all subjects pertaining to its practice.

August 7, 1889, the doctor was united in marriage with Miss Flora Hermann, of Chillicothe, and they now have a son named Lawrence Kinsman McCafferty.

The Doctor is also a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., A. O. U. W. and K. of P., of this city. He and his wife are members of the Protestant Episcopal Church and of the order of Daughters of Rebekah. In political principles Dr. McCafferty is a Republican, but is somewhat independent in the use of the right of franchise.

MARION DUNLAP, Sheriff of Adams county, and one of its most substantial citizens, was born in that county, near Locust Grove, March 10, 1850, and is a son of

George and Maria (Lawrence) Dunlap. The grandfather of our subject, William Dunlap, came with his parents from Virginia to Adams county when a boy, in the early part of the present century, and located near Locust Grove in the neighborhood of our subject's birthplace. Thereafter he resided in this county until his death; he was a farmer by occupation. He married a Miss Beeson, a native of Virginia. The father of Mr. Dunlap also was born near Locust Grove, and still resides there. His wife was born in Highland county, Ohio, near Sinking Spring, and is a daughter of James and Betsy (Busson) Lawrence, both of whom were Virginians by birth. George Dunlap was born March 6, 1823, and Maria, his wife, in February, 1827. They had ten children, of whom our subject is the third in order of age.

Mr. Marion Dunlap was reared near Locust Grove, and received such education as the schools of the neighborhood afforded. He lived on the home place until twenty-eight years old, and then moved to Winchester, where he resided until he assumed the duties of his present office, in 1894. For the past twenty-five years Mr. Dunlap has been a drover, buying stock all over this portion of Ohio, besides carrying on farming operations. He has farming property near Locust Grove, near Loudon and also near Winchester.

December 23, 1874, in this county he married Miss Amanda Murphy, who was born near Tranquillity, Adams county, a daughter of Benjamin and Cynthia (Washburn) Murphy. Her father was born, reared and educated near Flemingsburgh, Kentucky. Her mother was born near Cynthiana, Harrison county, same State, and was a daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Washburn, Virginians by birth. Her father's parents, Robert and Elizabeth Murphy, were also Virginians. Her father came to this county when a boy of thirteen years, and died in 1882, aged eighty years. Her mother died in 1887, aged seventy-three years.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are the parents of three children, namely: James Harley, Henry and Lulu Elverda.

Mr. Dunlap is a member of Winchester Lodge, I. O. O. F.; is a Democrat, and attended the State convention at Cincinnati in the fall of 1893 as a delegate, being elected by a majority far ahead of his ticket.

MARTIN REDKEY, cashier of the Leesburg Bank, was born June 20, 1837, on his father's farm in Washington township, Highland county, Ohio.

James Redkey, his father, was born in Paint township, May 14, 1813, was married three times, and survived his last wife by more than twelve years. His first marriage was to Elvira Hartman, daughter of Isaac and Jane Hartman, December 19, 1833, and their children were: Mary Jane, who married George Fiers, and is living at Redkey, Indiana; Martin, the subject of this sketch, was the next born; Nancy, who died in infancy; Drucilla, who married Marcellus Richardson, and is living at Redkey, Indiana; John William, who married Mattie Sherwood, and is a grocer at New Lexington, Ohio. Mrs. Redkey died February 7, 1854, and in 1885 Mr. Redkey married Jane Evans, who after fifteen years of married life deceased, in 1870. For his third wife Mr. Redkey married Mrs. Mary E.

Adams in 1871, and they lived happily together until her death in 1877.

Mr. Redkey was a land owner in Washington, Paint and Marshall townships. In 1856 he moved to Wayne county, Indiana, and settled near Richmond. The following year he moved to where to town of Redkey (population about 2,000) now is, and may be justly considered one of the founders of that town, for whom indeed it was named. He led an active Chistian life; was converted in 1835, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church; was licensed to exhort in 1841, and to preach in 1855; was ordained Deacon by Bishop Morris in 1859, and Elder by Bishop Foster in 1874. His principal fields of labor were Camden, Warren, Jonesboro, Portland, Farmland and Albany,—all in Indiana. His long and honorable career was finally ended when he was stricken with paralysis in 1888, from which he suffered greatly until death came to his relief October 21, 1889. He was buried in the cemetery at Redkey, Indiana. The funeral services were conducted in the Redkey Methodist Episcopal church by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Cook.

Our subject's grandfather, Joshua Redkey, was born in Pennsylvania, came to Ohio and died here. The father of Joshua was a native of Germany and with a brother came to the United States. From these two have the entire American branch of the Redkey family descended.

On the maternal side our subject is related to the Weyer family. John Andrew Weyer, born at Bierstadt, Germany, in 1733, came to America in 1746 and settled in Pennsylvania near the town of York. He was the son of John Bernhardt and Mary Catharine, *née* Weyer, was a cooper by trade, born 1694, and died March 5, 1751. His children were: John Michael, born July 15, 1724, died in 1793; John Dillman Conard, born in 1726 and died in 1730; Catharine Elizabeth, born in 1728, married Mr. Schweiszguth in 1746 and shortly afterward came to America; Anna Elizabeth, born in 1730, married Andrew Vogelin in 1749 and died in 1811.

As may be seen from the above the American branch of the Weyer family descended from John Andrew Weyer, who came to this country in 1746.

In the summer of 1854 our subject went to live with his grandfather Redkey. The following winter he engaged board in the country and attended school. In the spring of 1855 he was employed as clerk in the store of T. G. Hoggard and remained till the spring of 1857. The winter of 1857–8 was spent in teaching, and for a short time after this he was engaged in clerking. In the winter of 1860 he undertook to handle sewing machines in the South, with headquarters first at New Orleans, afterward at Atlanta, Georgia. He traveled through parts of Alabama, Georgia and South Carolina, and many were his experiences with the Southern "fire-eaters" during the time.

He witnessed a flag presentation to one of the military companies of Montgomery, Alabama, in the summer of 1860. The flag presented was no doubt the first rebel flag ever unfurled in the Confederacy. The presentation speech was of the regular fire-eating variety, and left no doubt on the mind of the auditors that it was the intention to plunge the country into civil war if the pending presidential election resulted unfavorably to the South.

He returned North in time to help elect Lincoln president, in the fall of 1860, his first presidential vote. March 4, 1861, he engaged in the mercantile business with

Samuel Coleman, under the firm name of Redkey & Coleman. In 1862 Mr. Coleman sold his share to Mr. Hoggard, and this partnership continued into the next year, when the business was closed and Mr. Redkey entered the army.

He enlisted June 13, 1863, in Company A, Second Ohio Heavy Artillery, which rendezvoused at Camp Dennison. He served in the Army of the Cumberland, he became Orderly Sergeant on the organization of the Company, was promoted to be Lieutenant, and was discharged at Knoxville, Tennessee, March 29, 1865, for disability, and he returned to Rainesboro, Ohio.

The next fall he opened a general mercantile store, with H. W. Roads as partner, under the firm name of Redkey & Roads. Two years later he bought out his partner and conducted the business under his own name till March, 1875, when he came to Leesburg and opened a store, which he conducted until the autumn of 1876. At this time the Leesburg Bank was organized, with our subject as one of the principal movers. It was a branch of the New Vienna (Clinton county) Bank. E. P. Johnson was president and Mr. Redkey cashier. The other directors were Edwin Arthur, Isaac Lewis, Ellis Lewis, Ellis Good, Stephen Hussey and John Hussey. The bank had a capital of $50,000. President Johnson died and was succeeded by J. H. Guthrie, the present incumbent. Mr. Redkey, our subject, has remained cashier ever since the organization.

In his political principles Mr. Redkey was a Republican until 1880, when he broke with the party on the subject of taxing the liquor traffic, and became a Prohibitionist. Recently he was a candidate of his party for Congress from the Sixth District. He is a member of the Masonic order, and also of Jo Henley Post, No. 303, G. A. R., at Leesburg.

April 8, 1864, he married Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Paul and Elizabeth Umensetter, of Highland county. Their children are: Alice, born February 10, 1865, died April 21, 1883. Sarah, born February 10, 1868; Thomas Edwin, November 12, 1871; Willie Terry, born April 26, 1873, died July 2, 1874; Charles Clayton, born May 21, 1875, is his father's assistant in the bank; and Blanche, born May 13, 1881.

GEORGE HAYNES, a prominent farmer of Ross county, is a son of George Haynes, Sr., a native of Pennsylvania. In 1797, in company with his family and ex-Governor Worthington, he came to Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio, where he followed the blacksmith's trade for many years. He afterward engaged in farming in Springfield township, and his death occurred here, at the advanced age of eighty-two years. The mother of our subject, formerly Rosanna Grove, was a native of Maryland.

George Haynes, the subject of this sketch, and the sixth of his parents' eleven children, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, September 1, 1808. He has always resided in Ross county, and since reaching mature years has followed agricultural pursuits. His farm, which formerly belonged to his father, consists of about 300 acres, and he now rents his land. Although never an office-seeker, Mr. Haynes has taken a fairly active part in all local offices.

In Springfield township, August 14, 1832, he was united in marriage with Miss Isabella Nichols, who was born in Ross

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county, January 5, 1816, a daughter of John and Amanda (Heath) Nichols, early settlers of Ross county, but both now deceased. The father was a farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have had eleven children, viz.: Henry, Amanda, John, Mary, Eliza and Rosanna (deceased), Eleanor, George W. (deceased), Joseph, Martha (deceased) and Wood G. Mr. Haynes has been an active worker in the Methodist Church for half a century, and his wife has been a member of that denomination since 1837. Our subject is one of the oldest settlers in Ross county. Both he and his wife are now passing their remaining days in comfort and quiet.

DAVID CLIMER, of Vigo, Ross county, Ohio, was born in Harrison township, this county, September 15, 1835, a son of the late Daniel Climer, who was born in Virginia, July 2, 1810. The mother of our subject, *née* Rebecca Jones, was a native of Colerain township, Ross county, and a daughter of Aaron Jones, one of the early pioneers of this county. The parents were married in Ross county, and immediately located in Harrison township, where they remained until death.

David Climer, the subject of this sketch, was reared in his native place, where he attended the common schools, the Kingston Academy and the select schools. After completing his education he taught school in Ross county eight years, and afterward assisted his father on the farm until his marriage. Mr. Climer then spent two years on a farm in Springfield township, and in 1869 came to his present location, near the village of Vigo, Liberty township. Prior to 1889 he followed farming exclusively, but in that year engaged in the milling business in Vigo, in partnership with Henry DuBois. Two years later Mr. Climer bought his partner's interest, and in 1892 he became associated with A. D. Heaton, the firm being known as the Vigo Milling Company. The mill is equipped with modern machinery, and has a capacity of fifty barrels daily. Our subject also owns 200 acres of improved land in this county; is extensively engaged in the dairy business, and is a stockholder and manager of the Vigo Jersey Creamery. In 1864 Mr. Climer enlisted for service in the late war, entering Company D, One Hundred and Forty-Ninth Volunteer Infantry, served four months, was captured in the battle of Monocacy, held a prisoner eight days, and then made his escape in daylight by jumping over a stone wall into a creek. He undertook to swim across the Shenandoah river, in the night, nearly losing his life in the attempt, but, after giving up all hopes, he found himself near the shore, and on the side of the river where he had started. He spent two days and three nights in reaching the Union lines.

Mr. Climer was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 13, 1867, to Miss Kate Caldwell, a native of Springfield township, Ross county. They have two children—Flora and Lawrence S. Mr. Climer has taken a deep interest in all educational matters, and has been a leader in several literary societies. He is an affable gentlemen and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances and friends.

SYLVESTER N. HIGBY, deceased, was for many years engaged in farming in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio. He was born in Jefferson county, this state, September 19,

1819, and when quite young was left an orphan. Much of his early life was spent with his sisters in Cleveland. When he was a young man he came to Richmond Dale, Ross county, and engaged in the mercantile business, remaining thus occupied several years. Disposing of his mercantile business, he located on a farm in Franklin township, and the rest of his life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He died December 31, 1885. His life was one of useful activity, and aside from his own private affairs he found considerable time to devote to public matters, in which he always took an active interest. He was Treasurer of Franklin township for several years, was for many years School Director in this township, and while he resided in Richmond Dale he filled the office of Justice of the Peace.

Mr. Higby was married in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio, November 10, 1842, to Miss Hannah Davis, who was born here June 28, 1824, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Hayes) Davis. Her father was probably a native of Virginia, and he and his wife spent nearly the whole of their married life in Franklin township, where his death occurred July 18, 1837, aged fifty-eight. Mrs. Davis subsequently became the wife of Horace Crookham. She died in Jefferson township, this county, September 14, 1865. By Mr. Davis she had six children who reached adult years, Mrs. Higby being among the oldest. Mr. and Mrs. Higby became the parents of seven children: Charles, who married Louisa Crow; Mary, the wife of Marcus Boggs; Julia, who died at the age of three years; Rose, wife of Ira Harris; Kizzie; Joseph, who married Jennie Foster; and Laura, wife of H. C. Downs. Mrs. S. N. Higby died December 29, 1893, at her home at Higby, aged sixty-nine years, six months and one day.

Mr. Higby was identified with both the Odd Fellows and the Masons, having taken the thirty-second degree in the latter organization. He left to his heirs a fine estate comprising several hundred acres of land.

REV. THOMAS FRANCIS WALSH, of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in Hamilton, this State, November 17, 1854, son of Peter and Mary (Brennan) Walsh, attended public and parochial schools until fourteen years old, and then entered the printing establishment of Jacob H. Long to learn the printer's trade, beginning in the lowest capacity and gradually working up until he became foreman of the press-room. In September, 1878, he entered the leading educational institution of the Catholic Church in Cincinnati, that of Mount St. Mary's of the West, and was still a student when it closed, in June, 1879. Next he entered the Seminary of Our Lady of the Angels, located at Niagara Falls, and completed a four-years course at that institution, and then spent some time at St. Mary's Seminary at Baltimore, and, on the reopening of Mount St. Mary's of the West at Cincinnati, he returned there and completed his studies, being the only one of the old students to return. He was ordained June 29, 1889, by the Most Rev. Archbishop Elder, of Cincinnati. His first charge was as an assistant to Rev. Father Doyle, pastor of St. Edward's Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, who, after a short sickness, died. Father Doyle was succeeded by the Very Rev. J. B. Murray, now rector

of Mount St. Mary's of the West, with whom Father Walsh remained as an assistant for eighteen months. He was next sent to Marion, Ohio, where he was placed in charge of La Rue and missions and remained three years; then he came to Hillsborough, where he attends the needs of three churches,—Hillsborough, Greenfield and New Vienna, Clinton county. He manages to so divide his time as to be at Hillsborough and New Vienna on the same Sunday, and thus Hillsborough misses services only every third Sabbath.

Father Walsh is a good example of the progressive American. Born of humble parentage, he had none of the social advantages which are so helpful to one in his race in life. However, he toiled patiently on, saved money sufficient to pay his way through college, and is now one of the rising men of the church. In every sense of the term, he is a self-made man. Having had such a history, it is no more than natural to suppose that he is right in touch with the people to whom he administers, and with American institutions in general.

WILLIAM HOWELL WALKER, Clerk of the Court for Highland county, Ohio, was born November 2, 1865, his parents being William Elliott and Mary (Strain) Walker.

His maternal great-grandfather, John Strain, came to this country from Ireland about the middle of the last century and served through the Revolutionary war. His ancestry were French Huguenots who first emigrated to Scotland and later to North Ireland. John Strain first settled in North Carolina and later came to Ohio, locating near Chillicothe. In search of a healthier locality he came to Highland county and purchased land near Greenfield, where he died, at the age of ninety-three years. His son, Allen Strain, was born in North Carolina, came with his parents to Ohio and lived on the old home place near Greenfield until 1881; the remainder of his days were spent with his children. He died in February, 1893. The father of our subject, William Elliott Walker, was born near Hillsborough, and at twelve years of age was taken to the old Walker farm near Greenfield.

Mr. Walker, the subject of this record, was born near Greenfield, on what is known as the old Biram farm, and had the advantages of a common-school education. Later he took a three-years course at the South Salem Academy, in Ross county, but his schooling did not continue after he was eighteen years old. He next made a trip through the West, returning in 1884, and had no settled business until February, 1886, when he accepted a clerical position in the clothing store of his uncle, Col. T. A. Walker, of Hillsborough, Ohio. In 1890 he acquired an interest in the concern, but the next year the business was closed. In February, 1891, the Newby Lumber Company was organized, consisting of Ewing Newby, J. E. and W. H. Walker.

In the autumn of 1891 he was elected Clerk of the Court, on the Republican ticket, for a term of three years. His official duties then required so much of his time that he decided to dispose of his interests in the lumber concern.

Mr. Walker has always taken an active interest in political affairs, and is one of the most prominent members of the Republican county executive committee. He has

been an efficient and popular Clerk, and is well thought of by his constituents. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the I. O. O. F.

He was married November 30, 1893, to Miss Elizabeth Alverda Strain, the only daughter of the late Henry Strain, one of Hillsborough's oldest and most prominent citizens and the founder of the grocery firm of H. Strain & Company, still doing business under that name.

DATHANIEL WILSON, the subject of this sketch, was born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, in 1815. He received a thorough classical education in his native land, being graduated at Marshall College, Aberdeen. Soon after graduation, wishing to acquaint himself with the New World, he set sail for America, intending to visit his uncle, William Ross, one of the pioneer merchants of Chillicothe. His ocean voyage proving so tempestuous and dangerous, he was never willing to undertake the return voyage.

He accepted a clerkship under his uncle, Mr. Ross, where he remained for a number of years, acquainting himself with the general mercantile business. Among his fellow clerks were Messrs. Charles J. Miller, at present engaged in the wholesale boot and shoe business in this city, and Thomas Woodrow, for a great many years one of the leading dry-goods merchants of this city, now deceased.

Becoming thoroughly acquainted with the business under the guidance of that successful merchant, Mr. Ross, the three entered into a partnership in the dry-goods business, under the firm name of Wilson, Miller & Woodrow. The firm carried on a prosperous business for a number of years, when Mr. Wilson, desiring to go into business for himself, withdrew from the firm and opened a retail shoe store at No. 13 West Second street, the present location of the Savings Bank. He was burned out by the great fire of 1852, but afterward built himself a business block on North Paint street, where he continued in the shoe business until 1862.

In 1849 he was united in marriage to Margaret King, a member of one of the old families of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Of this marriage five children were born: William Ross, who died in 1886, at the age of thirty-six years; Belle, the wife of William S. Ide, of Columbus, Ohio; Thomas King, Annie Serrill, the wife of Carlisle Barrere, of Columbus, Ohio, and Alexander Ross, for a number of years past a resident of New York city. Mrs. Wilson was a woman of a most sweet and lovable character, endearing herself to all who came in contact with her. She had great executive ability and was an earnest worker in the First Presbyterian Church, of which she was an influential member. She died in 1873.

Mr. Wilson retired from active business in 1862, devoting his time thereafter to looking after his large moneyed interests. He was a modest, retiring, Christian gentleman of pronounced scholarly attainments. During the whole course of his life, even up to the time of his death, which occurred on March 19, 1892, he devoted a great deal of his time to reading Latin and the solving of abstruse mathematical problems. He was looked upon as one of the best mathematicians and Latin scholars in southern Ohio. Professors of mathematics in our colleges were in the habit of sending him difficult

problems for solution. A coterie of friends, among whom were Judge Stanley Matthews, Judge Welch, of Athens, Judge Alfred Yaple, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and others were in the habit of sending knotty problems to each other for solution.

While he took great interest in all questions of the day, his retiring disposition prevented him from taking any active part in public life. He was for a great many years a member of the Board of Education, where his scholarly attainments made him a valuable addition to the board. After the board became partisan he was unwilling longer to allow his name to be used as a candidate for re-election, having a great repugnance for anything like active politics. For a number of years he was a director and finally was made president of the old Chillicothe Bank, which went out of business in 1876. At his death he left a large estate to be divided among his children.

THOMAS KING WILSON, the third born of the family of Nathaniel Wilson, received his elementary education in the public schools of Chillicothe, his birthplace, graduating at the high school in the class of 1872. After completing his course of studies in the public schools he prepared himself for college at the Marietta College preparatory school. He entered Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, where he was graduated with the class of 1877. After graduation and before taking up what he had hoped to make his life work—the law—he did some reportorial work on the old "Scioto Gazette," at that time under the management of Messrs. Raper & Wolfe, the most brilliant period of that paper's history. Mr. John Wiseman, the editor and proprietor of the Chillicothe "Advertiser," meeting with a sun-stroke at this time, Mr. Wilson took the management of that paper and continued its editor for almost a year.

Determined to begin the study of the law, he entered the law office of the Hon. L. T. Neal, the late Democratic candidate for Governor of Ohio. Failing health prevented his continuing his law studies, and upon the advice of his physicians he moved to the country and took the management of one of his father's farms. Having regained his health, in 1881, he left the farm to go into patnership with Mr. George Elsass in the tanning business in this city, under the firm name of Elsass & Wilson. For ten years he was the financial partner of Mr. Elsass in the extensive manufacture of harness leather. He retired from the tanning business to take up the manufacture of commercial fertilizers, identifying himself with Mr. Martin Hamm as the financial partner of M. Hamm & Company. The business has grown to extensive proportions, and employs a great many men in the manufacture and sale of its products. They have a large plant at Washington Court House, Ohio, and another one at Chillicothe.

Mr. Wilson has always been identified with the manufacturing interests of his native city, being now interested in a number of enterprises of this sort.

In politics Mr. Wilson affiliates with the Democracy, and is regarded as a man of influence in his party. He has served as a member of the Board of Education and the Board of Health, and has always enthusiastically supported those enterprises which tend to advance the public welfare. In

financial matters he is a young man of considerable influence.

Mr. Wilson was united in marriage, May 11, 1887, to Elizabeth Renick Smith, the eldest daughter of Amos Smith, whose biography will be found elsewhere in this volume. Mrs. Wilson died in October, 1889. She was a woman of great force of character, a true friend, a brilliant woman. Her influence was widely felt in society, of which she was a recognized leader. Her home was all that wealth and refinement could make it.

PRICE TAYLOR, son of Washington Taylor, was born June 7, 1851, on the place where he now lives, and which is the old Taylor homestead. Price Taylor took charge of this farm in 1885, and has lived here ever since, successfully conducting its operations.

He was married December 16, 1885, to Anna Patton, daughter of Scott and Margaret (Hoddy) Patton. Scott Patton was born November 2, 1817, and is still living, now a resident of Missouri. His father, Joseph Patton, was of Irish descent, was one of the early settlers of Ohio, and died here at the age of sixty years. A record of Scott Patton's children is as follows: Hugh Nevin, who married Anna Newby, their children being Carlton Clyde and William Scott; Jennie Hall was Hugh Nevin's second wife; Luella Amanda, a resident of Indianapolis, Indiana; Anna, wife of Price Taylor; Charles Scott, Leadville, Colorado; Sarah Mary, wife of John Yous, Richmond, Virginia; their children are Helen Margaret and Pauline; Theresa; Russell Scott; Joseph Stewert, Leadville, Colorado; William Preston, who married Jessie Hart, and they reside at Mound City, Missouri; David Webster, living with his father at Mound City; and Harriett Hayes, wife of Hazzard Thomas, a farmer. The date of Mrs. Taylor's birth is November 25, 1856.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have three children, viz.: Frank Preston, born August 2, 1887; Nellie Margaret, June 11, 1889; and Olive Eliza, May 6, 1892.

WILLIAM ALEXANDER POLK, a well-known farmer near Careytown, Ohio, was born December 15, 1842, on the place where his father, J. W. Polk, now resides. (For ancestry of W. A., see sketch of his father elsewhere in this work.)

Mr. Polk bought the place where he is now living of Amos J. Hiatt, 150 acres, and came to occupy it in the spring of 1871. For the previous four years he made his home with his grandfather Laverton. He was married October 3, 1875, to Margaret Edna Larkin, a daughter of John Larkin, and their children are: Joshua Whittington, born December 10, 1877, and died September 2, 1880; Fannie Larkin, born April 16, 1878, and living at home; Robert Thompson, born September 2, 1883, and is at the paternal home; Ernest, born June 10, 1885, and was by accident killed by the falling of a tree September 3, 1888. Mrs. Polk died December 13, 1887, and since then the daughter Fannie, although very young, has taken charge of the household and conducted it in a manner that would do credit to one many times her age.

Mr. Polk is one of the largest and most successful farmers in the county. In addition to the 150 acres where he lives he owns the Quinn tract of land, containing 500

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acres. All his land he farms himself, personally supervising it.

He takes considerable interest in politics, being a stanch Democrat. In 1890 he was nominated for County Commissioner, and ran 500 ahead of his ticket, but the Republican majority was too great to overcome. In the spring of 1891 he was elected one of the County Appraisers of real estate, which office is created once in ten years only, and an election to it shows that the people have unlimited confidence and respect for the officer. Mr. Polk has also frequently acted as Township Trustee. He is an active, wide-awake man, in the prime of life, and may justly be said to be one of the representative men of the county.

CHARLES BOILES EDWARDS, residing on what is known as the "Sulphur Spring" farm, near the center of Penn township, Highland county, Ohio, descended from a paternal Welsh and maternal Dutch ancestry, to which he traces his genealogical record with much pride. It extends back to the middle of the seventeenth century.

His father, Robert Edwards, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, June 6, 1803, died on his farm near New Lexington Station, June 27, 1883, and is buried in the New Lexington cemetery. John Edwards (2d), father of Robert and grandfather of our subject, was born December 28, 1775, and died December 31, 1850. He married Abigail Barnes, who was born November 5, 1768, and died February 12, 1857. Her mother, also named Abigail, reached her one hundredth year, and in a history of Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, she is spoken of as being able to "walk with ease, see to read, thread a needle and sew without spectacles but a few days before her death." She was remarkable for her cheerfulness of temper and contentment. John Edwards (2d) and his wife lived on the old homestead in Chester county for more than fifty years, and died there, as already stated.

Morris Edwards, father of John (2d) and great-grandfather of our subject, died February 1, 1786. He married Elizabeth Tompkins, and had two sons, who lived in New Jersey; their names are lost.

John Edwards (1st), father of Morris and great-great-grandfather of our subject, was the founder of the American branch of the family. He emigrated from Wales to Pennsylvania in 1683. He married Barbara Miller, a native of Germany, said to be a very handsome woman. One of their children, Andrew, was killed in the Revolutionary war. A daughter, Jane, married Michael Conard, father of John Conard, who later became Mayor of Philadelphia. John Conard's son, Robert T. Conard, was Supreme Judge of the Philadelphia courts.

The mother of the subject of this sketch, Elizabeth (Conard) Edwards, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, December 31, 1802, and died on the home place near Lexington, July 6, 1888, and rests besides her husband in the village graveyard. She lived a useful Christian life, being a member of the Hicksite branch of the Friends' Church. She was a woman of remarkably strong mind, and was noted for her ablility to quote the poets. The name was originally Kunder, but has been Anglicized to Conard. Dennis Kunder, from whom the American branch of the family has descended, came to this country from Holland in 1682 and settled at Germantown,

which is now a part of Philadelphia. Though not a Quaker he was very friendly toward that sect, and was a heavy contributor to the erection of the first Friends' meeting-house in Philadelphia. These facts are mentioned in Ploud's History of Pennsylvania. His large stone mansion, one of the finest in the country, was frequently used for holding meetings before the building of the Friends' church. The lot on which his residence stood is now the property of Jacob Burns; and so substantially was the building erected that one of the walls now form a part of another building.

Cornelius Conard, a direct descendant of Dennis Kunder, was the father of Everard Conard, the great-grandfather of our subject, who was born September 21, 1738, and settled near Doylestown, Berks county, Pennsylvania. He married Margaret Cadwalader, who was born June 1, 1734, and their children were: Isaac, born April 18, 1763; Cornelius (grandfather of our subject); Sarah (married), born September 8, 1766; Abraham, born October 7, 1768; Everard and Margaret, twins, born May 17, 1771, and died in infancy; Mary, born June 17, 1775; Jesse, November 11, 1778. The second child, Cornelius, was the grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this sketch. He was born February 9, 1764, and died October 30, 1836. His wife, whose name before marriage was Susanna Chalfant, was born October 31, 1770, and died June 23, 1817. Cornelius and Susanna Conard lived near Westgrove, Chester county, Pennsylvania, and brought up a large family of children, namely: Lydia, born July 15, 1791, and died June 13, 1875; she married Jesse Way, January 26, 1837; William Chalfant, born November 25, 1792, and died April 24, 1870: he was first married to Rebecca Lewellyn, April 23, 1818, and Mrs. Conard having died he married Martha Ridgeway, June 6, 1849: he was a prominent citizen and Commissioner of Highland county for several terms; the next child was Margaret, born October 18, 1794, and died November 11, 1799; Everard, born December 18, 1796, and died May 29, 1797; Esther Chalfant, born March 26, 1796, and married Joseph Hollowell, March 21, 1822; Mary, born August 12, 1800, married Joseph Hambleton, March 17, 1831, and is still living in Cecil county, Maryland; Elizabeth, mother of our subject, is the next child; Joseph, born September 22, 1805, and died June 4, 1854, he married Rebecca Good, March 13, 1828; Amy, born May 10, 1808, died June 21, 1821; Benjamin, born September 4, 1810, now living in Hillsborough; he married Mary Ann Moore, March 15, 1832; his second wife was Eliza Roberts, married February 11, 1836; having lost his second wife also he married Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson (Hussey) in 1855; the last child died in infancy, born January 24, 1813.

Robert Edwards and Elizabeth, *née* Conard, parents of our subject, were married April 14, 1831. The first six years of their married life were spent in their native county of Chester, Pennsylvania, where the four oldest children were born. In May, 1837, Mr. Edwards and family set out for Highland county, Ohio, where Mrs. Edwards' uncle, William Chalfant, was living. The journey was made in an old-fashioned covered two-horse wagon, and nearly every night was spent in the vehicle. They reached Mr. Chalfant's June 16, 1837, having been on the road a little over three weeks. The route was by way of Pittsburg, Wheeling and Circleville.

Mr. Edwards had but few goods on reaching this State, but he had about $1,800 in cash with him. The family remained with Mr. Chalfant a short time. Mr. Edwards then rented a cabin on the place belonging to Asa Ladd, and lived there six months, after which he leased a farm of Mr. Calhoun, located between Leesburg and Centerfield, which he cultivated two years; then he purchased a farm of 103 acres of Elijah Wilkinson, located near the railroad between Lexington depot and Leesburg, and moved into the log house on the place in the autumn of 1839. In this humble dwelling the four younger children were born, and this house was occupied by the family until 1852, when the large brick residence was built, and his farm increased to 350 acres. His children were:

Susanna, born January 19, 1832, married D. E. McCoy, and is living on a farm near Leesburg.

Charles Boiles, whose name introduces this memoir.

Lydia Conard, born December 8, 1831, married Silas W. Horseman, November 27, 1856, who is the agent at the New Lexington depot.

John, born December 8, 1836, was married to Elizabeth A. Hays, February 12, 1864, and died September 13, 1888, at Maryville, Missouri. He graduated at Miami University in 1862; studied law and was admitted to the bar at Hamilton, Ohio, in 1867; moved to Hillsborough, Ohio, and practiced law at that place in connection with Hon. James Sloan and Judge S. F. Steel. He also filled the position of superintendent of the public schools at Hillsborough, Ohio, Hamilton, Ohio, and Maryville, Missouri. In 1865 the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by Miami University for "distinguished scholarship."

William C., born December 10, 1839, married Sarah S. Conard, February 10, 1870, and lives on a farm near where he was born; was a soldier through the entire period of the Civil war, serving most of the time in the Forty-eighth Regiment, Ohio Volunteers.

Maria, born October 14, 1841, married Elwood Brabson, December 20, 1865, a carpenter, and they moved to Demorest, Georgia, where she died December 12, 1892, her husband having died April 23, 1890.

Abigail, born July 22, 1843, married Jesse F. Larkin, November 4, 1868, and is living on a farm near New Lexington.

Jesse, born October 10, 1845, married Asenath Magoon, March 6, 1872, and is living at Whittier, California.

The subject of this biographical outline, Charles Boiles Edwards, was born in the valley of the Brandywine, Londonderry township, Chester county, Pennsylvania, March 3, 1833. The overland journey to Ohio made in his youth left very vivid impressions on his mind. On reaching the age of twenty-one he left home and began to learn the carpenter's trade, working with Washington Blackburn. He continued at this trade for the next four years, and then came to the place where he now lives, and has remained here since.

He was married March 3, 1857, to Mary Holmes, daughter of Gilbert Holmes and Anna (Hussey) Holmes. Mrs. Edwards, the second of five children, was taken at a very early age by her grandfather, Stephen Hussey, to bring up on the place where they now reside. Her grandfather, Stephen Hussey, one of the pioneers of Highland county, settled on the home place in 1805. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards are:

Anna, born August 24, 1858, married Salkeld Larkin, August 5, 1890, and her husband's farm is located near Samantha. Their only child is George, born March 26, 1891.

Florence, born August 25, 1860, married Elwood Carey, September 30, 1884, and is living in Richmond, Indiana. Mr. Carey is employed in Gaar Scott's machine shops. Their children are: Raymond Mills, born July 15, 1885; Virginia, December 10, 1886; Lawrence, August 18, 1888.

Horace Douglas, February 20, 1862, and married Nannie Terrell, January 27, 1886; is a carpenter by trade, recently returned from Georgia, and is living in Penn township. His children are: Isla, born July 2, 1887; Mary Edwards, born May 25, 1892

Cornelia, born November 15, 1864, married C. N. Carey.

Edgar Holmes, born December 5, 1866; is a teacher by profession, teaching in the public schools of his township, and helping his father on the home place when his school is not in session.

Gilbert Holmes, born March 16, 1869; is a dentist at Indianapolis, Indiana.

Robert Carl, born September 3, 1871, and is still at home.

Elizabeth, born May 15, 1874, and is at home.

Henry Charles, born February 26, 1878, and is also at the parental home.

Mr. Edwards has always taken an active interest in political affairs. He acted with the Democratic party until 1892, when he became a Populist. In 1876 he was a candidate for the Legislature and came within a few votes of being elected in a district that was strongly Republican. In 1892 he was nominated for Congress by the People's party of the Sixth district and received 700 votes, which was ahead of the ticket. He has also taken an active part in the educational interest in his county; is a man of wide general information and one of the best speakers in the county, when it comes to a contest on the stump.

DANIEL GOODMAN, a respected farmer of Ross county, was the second son of John and Charlotte (Shuck) Goodman, and was born in Berks county, Pennsylvania, November 5, 1797. On his father's side he is of German stock, and his mother's of English descent. They came from Berks county, Pennsylvania, to the Scioto valley in 1799 reaching Portsmouth in a flat-boat, and came to their new home on horseback, over an Indian path. Their household goods followed in a keel-boat. His grandmother accompanied them. At the age of fourteen she was captured by the Indians in Northumberland county, Pennsylvania, remained with them several years, and was then sold to the Canadian French, by whom she was returned to her friends. She is now deceased and buried on his farm.

John Goodman bought a pre-emption right to 200 acres of Congress land in Green township. His wife died April 23, 1825, aged fifty-nine years, and July 15, 1830, he died, aged sixty-eight years.

Daniel Goodman, the second son, at the age of twenty-five built a small sawmill at the mouth of the Blackwater creek on the Scioto river, where he sawed lumber to build flat-boats. He and his brother, David Goodman, built flat-boats near the Scioto on the farm. They filled the boats with the products of their farm, and enough purchased in addition to load them

well before being shipped. A number of boats, loaded with bacon, flour and pork, were taken down the Mississippi during the six years they were in partnership, and were made moderately profitable. Since then Mr. Goodman's occupation has been farming on the old homestead.

At the age of thirty he was married to Elizabeth Charles, a native of Ohio, whose parents came to this State from Pennsylvania. They owned a farm, on which they had a copper distillery. Mrs. Goodman died February 9, 1866, aged sixty-two years, and her husband a year and four months afterward, aged seventy years. They were the possessors of 1,000 acres of real estate in one body. They had thirteen children, twelve of whom lived to years of maturity, and eight still survive.

Charles Goodman, the sixth child, was born February 18, 1836, and was reared to farm life, receiving his education in a log schoolhouse. He remained with his father until twenty-one years old, after which he worked for his father for $15 a month for several years, and after his father's death he received his present farm of 117 acres, to which he added ninety-six more acres purchased from his brother, Samuel, adjoining the farm. In addition to general farming Mr. Goodman is extensively engaged in stock-raising. On his farm is a beautiful residence. He was married in 1876, to Miss Elizabeth Garrett, a native of Ross county, and they have three children: Sarah, Floyd and Florence. Mrs. Goodman is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and in political matters Mr. Goodman allies himself with the Democratic party, and has held many local offices. Socially, he is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

JAMES Q. THARP has been for many years past prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Buckskin township and has taken a leading place among the most successful farmers of Ross county.

He is a native of the township in which he now resides, born May 5, 1823, a son of William Tharp, who was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, in 1789. Daniel Tharp, the paternal grandfather, was born in the Old Dominion State, descended from English and German ancestors. He emigrated to Ohio in 1810, making the journey with team and wagon; in the autumn of this year he located in Buckskin township, Ross county, and there cleared and improved a farm. In April, 1832, he removed to Highland county, Ohio, where he passed the remainder of his days. His death occurred August 15, 1836, while his wife survived until October, 1849. They were the parents of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to years of maturity. The youngest, Daniel, died January 24, 1878. William, the father of James Q., was the eldest of the family. He came with his parents to Ohio in 1810, and six years later he purchased a tract of fifty acres in Buckskin township; there he built a log house and for two years kept bachelor's hall. He was married March 18, 1818, to Lydia Hare, Esquire Wallace performing the ceremony. Mrs. Tharp was a daughter of Michael and Isabelle (Ross) Hare, natives of Pennsylvania. They emigrated to Ohio in 1797, and in April, 1800, located in Buckskin township, on the present site of South Salem. At that time there were four families in the township, and the forests were inhabited by wild animals. Mr. Hare died in February, 1837, aged seventy-five years.

His wife lived to the age of eighty-five, her death occurring in March, 1839. They were the parents of a family of four children, two sons and two daughters. Both sons fought in the war of 1812. William and Lydia Tharp reared a family of four children: Elizabeth, wife of Joseph Liebe, resides in this township; John died June 12, 1852, unmarried; James Q. is the next in order of birth; Ellen, the wife of the Rev. Henry Rowan, died in 1863, leaving three children —Mary, Ella and William, all of whom are living. William Tharp spent his entire life in Buckskin township, his days ending October 11, 1873, at the age of eighty-two years. His wife died January 29, 1870. They were both members of the Protestant Methodist Church, uniting with the society upon its organization in 1828. Mr. Tharp was a man of untiring industry, and, although he began the battle of life with small equipment, he had acquired several hundred acres of good land before his death. He was very liberal with his means, always ready to relieve the distressed and afflicted. He served his township as Trustee and was a man highly respected throughout the county.

James Q. Tharp was reared amid the rude surroundings characteristic of the frontier. He attended school in the primitive log house whose windows were greased paper and whose seats were made of slabs. There was a large fire-place across one end of the room, and it is safe to say that the methods of instruction were in keeping with the house and its furnishings. At the age of twenty-one years Mr. Tharp and his brother John rented the homestead from the father and began farming independently. In 1847 he purchased John's interest in the live-stock and continued agriculture alone. He bought the place in 1871, paying $11,500 therefor; this tract contains 200 acres, and he owns in addition 600 acres in Buckskin and Paint townships. From 1876 until 1884 he had charge of a flouring mill at Lyndon.

He was united in marriage November 7, 1850, to Mary J. Jones, a daughter of Thomas and Mary J. (Williamson) Jones, natives of England and Wales respectively. Mrs. Tharp died January 7, 1857, the mother of one child that died in infancy. The second marriage was March 28, 1860, when he wedded Elizabeth Harper, of Ross county, Ohio. There were born of this union three children: James W., Laura, and John H., who died October 13, 1867. The mother died March 20, 1888.

Mr. Tharp has represented the Republicans of this county in various conventions, and was a representative at the Whig national convention in 1840, when General W. H. Harrison was nominated President of the United States. In his religious faith he is a Methodist, having been a member of that church since June 17, 1842. He is a man of fine memory and is well informed upon the topics of the day. His success in life is due to his industry and integrity, and to the strict temperance he has practiced in all things. He has never indulged in the use of tobacco nor intoxicating liquors, and has always lent his influence toward the suppression of the use of both.

ISAAC WEST, a prominent farmer near Samantha, Ohio, is a native of Pennsylvania, born in Fayette county, February 14, 1822. His parents, John and Elizabeth (Randels) West, came to Ohio in 1840, being on the road during

the memorable "hard-cider" campaign of "Tippecanoe" Harrison.

John West, the father, was born in Pennsylvania, December 17, 1797, and died on his place near New Market, September 3, 1861. His father, Eber West, was born in Allegany county, Maryland, emigrated to the Keystone State, and died there in 1838, sixty-eight years of age. He married Sarah Roland, who survived him ten years; she came to Ohio and died here December 16, 1848, at the age of seventy years. When John West first reached Highland county in 1840 he located between Hillsborough and New Market, where he continued to reside for a number of years. He then rented the Self farm, which he occupied for a time, and then purchased the farm where Isaac now resides in 1854; it comprised 129 acres and was bought of George Baker. Elizabeth, mother of our subject, was a daughter of John Randels, a Pennsylvania "Dutchman," who came to Ohio and died here. She was born in Pennsylvania, August 17, 1801, and died on the place now occupied by Mr. Isaac West, August 1, 1857. The children of John and Elizabeth West were: Isaac Alfred, born October 8, 1825; Jeremiah, January 12, 1827; Sarah (Yates), May 13, 1831, and married N. Yates, March 23, 1856; Enos, born October 8, 1833; Belinda, August 8, 1835, and died in January, 1849; Margaret, born February 7, 1838, and died September 28, 1859; John, born April 30, 1840; and James Madison, born October 8, 1842.

Mr. West, of this sketch, on purchasing his present place found it heavily involved in debt; but he in good time had it all paid. He purchased it of his father directly after the death of his mother. He owns now a total of 373 acres. His residence he began building in 1875, completing it in 1876.

He was married November 25, 1845, to Eliza Jane Woolums, a daughter of William and Margaret (Art) Woolums, and was born in Fleming county, Kentucky, March 19, 1822. The children of Mr. and Mrs. West are: Sarah Elizabeth, born February 14, 1847, and died June 28, 1872; she married L. D. Crute, October 24, 1867, who was a farmer in Highland county; William Alfred, born October 28, 1848, married Rebecca Jane Fenner October 30, 1872, and is a farmer in this county; Isaac Newton, born November 17, 1850, married Mary L. Fenner March 13, 1873, and is living in Xenia, Ohio; Charles Prior, born November 7, 1852, married Ella L. Willett September 4, 1878, and is clerking in a hardware store in Chillicothe; Samuel Tennyson, born January 25, 1855, and married Catharine Balzner November 24, 1886; Wilson Webster, born November 23, 1856, and married Sarah Drake December 25, 1885: he is a member of the mercantile firm of West Brothers, in Samantha, Frank West being the other member; Frank, born November 9, 1860, married Rachel Kerns October 26, 1882; Edward Quinn, born April 25, 1863, married Emma Armstrong April 1, 1890, and is engaged in agricultural pursuits in this county. Sarah Elizabeth at her death left two children—Clara Jane and Mary Ann—who were taken by Mr. West and brought up as his own children. Mary Ann married Mr. W. A. Wright, and Clara Jane is still with her grandfather.

"Esquire" West has always voted the Republican ticket since the organization of that party, previous to which time he was a Whig. He has served his party and county

in various offices; was Constable for five years, Township Assessor of Liberty seven years; and in 1850 was elected one of the four who appraised the land of the county. These appraisers are elected but once in ten years. The political fight was a hard one, and Mr. West, although a young man, won the election of the old appraiser, Mr. Loman. His territory embraced the townships of Liberty, New Market and Washington. He served four years as Assessor of Penn township, and Justice of the Peace successively for fifteen years, on which account he acquired the title of "'Squire" throughout the county. He and his family are members of the Baptist Church.

REV. EDUARD FROMMEL, a prominent divine, musican, linguist and general scholar, was born in St. Gallen, Switzerland, January 20, 1865. His parents came to America when he was only nine months of age, leaving the child in the care of his grandfather Frommel, an eminent and wealthy merchant of Stuttgart, Wurttemberg, who gave him a thorough education in the classic and modern languages and all the scientific branches commonly taught in the high schools of Europe. Being highly gifted he soon completed these studies, and turned to the study of theology, with all his mind and soul. In Columbus, Ohio, he attended a course at the Capital University of the Lutheran Ohio Synod, finished the same and then filled a position as pastor in Illinois, Pennsylvania and Michigan, everywhere with good success. In Detroit, where he lived in 1886-7, he built one of the largest German churches, the Evangelical Lutheran Christ Church, Twenty-sixth and Myrtle streets, under the supervision of the veteran architect, Engelbert, after having organized a congregation, starting from a membership of only six.

It was during his sojourn in that city that he became intimately acquainted with the great violinist, Richard Luderer. Rev. Frommel, who had inherited great musical talent and always gathered a circle of prominent artists around him, soon resumed the studies on the violin begun in the old country, and kept them up nearly two years of his stay. Tutor and pupil became lifelong friends.

Soon, however, the health of that indefatigable worker failed, and he was compelled to leave the fruits of his labor to his successor, Dr. Buttner, and to regain his lost strength. On this occasion he traveled nearly over the whole continent, and spent over three months in visiting the principal points of interest in the Sunny South. Nor is this the only journey worth mentioning, as he has traveled extensively, on foot, both in this country and in Europe.

In 1890 he came to Chillicothe, where he has gained the greatest popularity as pastor of the First Evangelical Protestant Church of this city. For two years he edited the Church paper, "Der Handlanger." Since his arrival the Sunday-school has been reorganized, with the valuable addition of a Bible class, and a Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor has been called into existence by his untiring efforts. Under his administration the church has been beautifully renovated, and a new pipe organ is now in process of construction in the shops of the local organ builder, T. Prante, Sr.

As a leader in musical circles he is pre-eminent. Not only has he raised the standard of church music in his own and

other churches, but he has also elevated the musical ideas of the public in general. In 1892–3 he gave a series of classical piano recitals with Miss Clara L. Gorslene, and in every musical affair he takes a live interest. At one time he was a director of the German Singing Society, "Eintracht." His compositions are well known, and it is supposed he will write a cantata for male voices and orchestra for the Sængerfest to be held in Chillicothe in 1896.

Mr. Frommell speaks fluently and with eloquence in the German and English languages, and was chosen in 1894 to deliver the memorial address in Chillicothe before an immense audience consisting of all the different societies, etc. As a teacher of languages he is highly successful, and has had several good offers to teach in colleges, but he prefers his present occupation.

His family is a prominent one in Germany, furnishing many eminent divines and professors. His great uncle, Emil Frommel, is Court preacher to the Emperor of Germany. The Frommel family, however, are of French extraction. They were driven out of France on account of their Protestant views during the year of the great St. Bartholomew massacre, 1572. They fled to Sweden and subsequently emigrated to Germany. The family escutcheon displays a cross and a sword, the cross signifying *fromm* (pious) and the sword *held* (hero), of which two words the name Frommel is composed.

For his wife Mr. Frommel married Miss Emma R. Meyer, a native of Basel, Switzerland. They were joined in matrimony soon after their arrival in America, and they have five very bright and intelligent children, the eldest of whom went to Europe for education in May, 1894.

THOMAS N. CUNNINGHAM, a worthy representative of one of the early families of the Scioto valley, was born in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, November 23, 1846. David Cunningham, his father, was born on the farm now occupied by the son in 1808. The paternal grandfather was Nicholas Cunningham, a Virginian by birth, and the great-grandfather was John Cunningham, one of the early settlers of Virginia, probably a native of Ireland. Nicholas Cunningham removed with his family to Ohio about the year 1802 and settled in Union township, Ross county, where he made the original purchase of the farm on which Thomas N. Cunningham now resides. He lodged his wife and children in a hunter's cabin until he erected a log house, and then began the arduous task of developing a farm in the heart of the wilderness. Wild game was abundant, but he killed only that required for the sustenance of his family. His life was one of industry, and many years were spent in unceasing toil. He died in 1847, having attained the age of nearly four-score years. He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, and for many years was Magistrate in his township. In his religious faith he was a Baptist. His wife shared his religious belief. She died in 1846. David Cunningham was next to their youngest child and succeeded his father in the ownership of the homestead. He married Rebecca Hicks and they had eight children, five of whom are living. Mr. Cunningham engaged in farming and completed the improvements begun by his father, and resided upon the farm until his death. When Nicholas Cunningham arrived in Ross county his capital consisted of a wagon, two or three horses and $9 in money. The day

following his landing here he took a blazed path to Chillicothe, a distance of ten miles; this city was then a hamlet, or rather a small group of log houses. He purchased a bushel of salt, for which he paid $4.50.

Thomas N. Cunningham is the third-born of a family of eight. Besides attending the district school, he had access to the schools at Salem and Bloomingburg, where he made the most of the opportunities afforded. In the fall of 1868 he went to Jackson county, Missouri, and there was engaged in agricultural pursuits for a period of twelve years. Thence he removed to Kansas City, where he embarked in the livery business, which he conducted two years. In the spring of 1882 he returned to his native State and settled on the old homestead in the midst of the scenes of his youth.

Mr. Cunningham was united in marriage in 1874 to Miss Ada Powell, a native of Ohio, who died in 1880. The second marriage was in 1882, when he was united to Alta Powell McPherson, a sister of the first wife. They have had four children: T. Scott, Alta G., deceased, Fannie H. and David B.

The original tract of land occupied by the Cunningham family consists of 455 acres. Here our subject is engaged in carrying on a general farming business, giving especial attention to the raising of live stock. He is a man of exceptional ability and has met with a good degree of the success he so well merits.

LOUIS MEDERT, clerk in charge of the office of maintenance of way for the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway Company in Chillicothe, has by his business career presented an example of the result of close attention to details, attended with strict honesty and sobriety; no one, indeed, has given a better example.

Mr. Medert was born in Lampertheim, Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, July 28, 1846, the youngest son of Ludwig and Anna M. (Boxheimer) Medert. His paternal grandparents, Jacob Medert and wife (*née* Elizabeth Kling), came to America in 1848, where the former died, in Versailles, Indiana, in 1866, and the latter in Indianapolis, same State, in 1885. The maternal grandfather was Daniel Boxheimer, who died in Germany in 1848.

Mr. Louis Medert attended the common schools of Germany from the age of six to fourteen years, and then until twenty years of age was a student for the profession of veterinary surgeon, under his father, who was a graduate of Giesen Veterinary College. His brother, Adam Medert, served two years in the German army. In June, 1867, they, together with their parents and sister Catherine, took passage in the French ship, Guiding Star, at Havre, and landed in New York city July 8, and arrived at Chillicothe six days later. Catherine became the wife of George Sherman, a farmer living three miles from Chillicothe, on the Frankfort pike; the others are residents of Chillicothe. Louis secured work at common labor on the old Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, now a part of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern system, in August after his arrival, at which he continued two years, when he accepted a position as messenger in the roadmaster's office.

On the 26th of April, 1869, he was joined in matrimony with Eva M. Wetzel, who was born at Chillicothe in 1849. In 1870 he was given the office of store-keeper, where he had charge of the distribution of

supplies, until 1890, when he was advanced to his present position. His oldest son, Louis J., learned telegraphy, and had the pleasure, at seventeen years of age, of teaching the art to his father after he was forty years of age. He afterward married Hattie Shriner, a daughter of Dan Shriner, formerly of the Scioto Gazette: he is now clerk in the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern freight office in Cincinnati. They have two children—Harry J. and Florence M. The eldest daughter, Bettie E., is the wife of Harry J. Denton, who is the son of a farmer near Lancaster, now employed in the Union Shoe Factory; and they have one child, who is named Annabel M. The other sons and daughters of Louis Medert, Sr., are Emma, Wilhelm, Charles and Ella.

Mr. Medert, the subject of this sketch, is a member of Metropolis Lodge, No. 514, I. O. O. F., in which he held the office of Secretary for fifteen years, and in which he now holds the office of Past Grand and Special Deputy. He is also a member of the Society of German Pioneers, holding now the office of Treasurer in the same.

In his political sympathies Mr. Medert is a Republican. For president of the United States he cast his first vote for U. S. Grant, in 1872. He and his family are members of the Salem Church, Evangelical, of which Mr. Medert was one of the trustees for one term, three years, and Treasurer one term.

HON. LAWRENCE TALBOTT NEAL, a distinguished lawyer and legislator, was born at Parkersburg, Wood county, Virginia (now West Virginia), on the 22d day of September, 1844, descending from that hardy Scotch-Irish stock so prominent in the annals of our national history.

His paternal great-grandfather, James Neal, won distinction as a Captain in the Continental army during the war of the Revolution, and was the first permanent settler in Wood county, Virginia, having in the fall of 1785 made a settlement at the mouth of the Little Kanawha river, near the present site of the city of Parkersburg, where he erected a block house, the settlement eventually becoming know as Neal's Station. His great experience and wisdom caused him to be looked up to as counselor and leader in the little settlement, which prospered under his direction and care. He was commissioned a Justice of the Peace by the Governor of Virginia, and was also granted a commission as Captain of the Frontier Rangers, organized for the defense of the border settlement; and he was also entrusted with other important public duties in the county.

John, the second son of Captain James Neal, and the grandfather of the subject of this review, was commissioned a Judge of the County Court of Wood county by James Monroe, Governor of Virginia, took his seat upon the bench in May, 1800, at the age of twenty-four years, and ably filled that office until his death, October 23, 1823. He was also High Sheriff of the county, and was elected a Representative of the county in the Virginia House of Burgesses, serving in this capacity two consecutive terms.

We now come to the father of our subject, Lawrence P. Neal, a worthy and respected merchant of Parkersburg. He was married, December 9, 1841, to Mary Hall Talbott, who was born in Frederick county, Maryland, a descendant of the well

known Talbott family of England. On the paternal side the family is of Irish extraction, the name being originally prefixed with an O'.

Lawrence T. Neal received his literary education at Parkersburg, in a private school known as the Asbury Academy, and presided over by Professor John C. Nash, an able educator. Mr. Neal left this institution at the age of seventeen years, equipped with what might be termed an ordinary education, though he had proved more proficient, especially in Latin, than had the majority of his classmates. A year later he engaged himself as a clerk in a dry-goods store, where he remained about one year, when he resolved to carry out the long cherished aim of his life—that of preparing himself for the profession of the law. With this end in view he left his native town and came to Chillicothe, where he commenced the study of law under the preceptorship of Hon. W. H. Safford, one of the leading members of the Ross county bar. He pursued his studies with characteristic energy, and on the 23d of February, 1866, was admitted to the bar by the Supreme Court at Columbus, after a rigid and exacting examination by a committee, of which Hon. Allen G. Thurman was a member.

Mr. Neal immediately applied himself to his profession at Chillicothe, and, bringing to bear the ability, energy and persevering diligence that had always distinguished his actions, soon established himself in a successful practice with a representative clientage. In April, 1867, being then only twenty-two years of age, he was elected City Solicitor of Chillicothe, in which capacity he served two years, with satisfaction to the community and credit to himself. He declined a second nomination for the office, although the nomination was equivalent to an election. During the same year he was nominated for the Legislature on the Democratic ticket, and was duly elected; he served but one term, declining a renomination. Mr. Neal was the youngest member of the Legislature, and while others were completing their education he was taking an active part in the administration of the affairs of the State. In the summer of 1870 he was nominated for Prosecuting Attorney of Ross county, although in open convention he had absolutely refused to become a candidate for the office. He was elected, but resigned before the expiration of his term, by reason of his election to Congress. The bar of the district at that time represented in its *personnel* some of the ablest lawyers of the State, yet with such discernment, skill and industry did the young attorney discharge his duties that he seldom lost a verdict and never had an indictment quashed during his term of office.

In October, 1872, he was elected a member of the Forty-third Congress from the Seventh District of Ohio, comprising the counties of Adams, Brown, Highland, Pike and Ross. He was re-elected to the Forty-fourth Congress by a majority nearly double that received by him in his first election. After serving two terms he returned from Washington, in 1877, to resume the practice of the law. His Congressional career, notwithstanding the fact that he entered the national House of Representatives when but little beyond the constitutional age, was one of creditable distinction, and marked him as one of the young men of the country with a promising future. Hon. James A. Garfield, then a member of the House and afterward President of the United States, declared him to be the ablest Democrat in the Ohio

delegation, and predicted for him a brilliant record as a Representative in case he should be permitted to remain in Congress for such time as would enable him, through the opportunities afforded by length of service and the experience derived therefrom, to display the ability and force of character possessed by him. He was a delegate to the Democratic national convention held at Cincinnati in 1880, where he was a supporter of Allen G. Thurman for president.

The political complexion of his former Congressional district having been changed, and Ross county thrown into a district with a Republican majority of over 2,000, he was with difficulty induced by his party to accept the nomination for Congress in 1882. After an aggressive and memorable campaign he succeeded in reducing the ordinary Republican majority against him from over 2,000 to ten votes. He was a delegate from this district to the Democratic national convention at St. Louis in 1888, and served in that body as the Ohio member of the committee on resolutions. He had the honor of drawing and offering in committee an amendment to the tariff declaration of the platform, which had been a matter of vigorous contest and antagonism, and, by the adoption of this amendment, the conflicting elements were harmonized, and the plank framed, as it was adopted by the committee and ratified by the convention.

In 1888 Mr. Neal was again nominated for Congress, in a district strongly Republican, in the face of his positive refusal to become a candidate, but after his nomination he consented to subordinate his personal wishes and private interests to those of his party and to make the canvass, personally delivering over fifty speeches for the Presidential ticket. He was not elected, and, indeed, did not expect to be; but he succeeded in his effort to reduce the Republican majority in the district on the State and national tickets, and at the same time he ran nearly 1,000 ahead of the Democratic Presidential ticket at the polls of the district.

Mr. Neal was a delegate at large from Ohio to the Democratic national convention at Chicago in 1892, and was again a member of the committee on resolutions. When the platform prepared by the party managers was presented to the committee, Mr. Neal was dissatisfied with the portion of it relating to the tariff, and offered an amendment thereto embodying, as he claimed, the true position of the party upon that question. His amendment was rejected by the committee, and he thereupon gave notice of his intention to submit it to the whole convention. When the committee made their report to the convention, Mr. Neal, true to his convictions, moved, as an amendment to the platform reported, his proposition, which involved the striking out of certain portions of the resolutions of the committee and the substitution therefor of the following: "We denounce Republican protection as a fraud, a robbery of the great majority of the American people for the benefit of the few. We declare it to be a fundamental principle of the Democratic party that the Federal Government has no constitutional power to impose and collect tariff duties except for the purpose of revenue only, and we demand that the collection of such taxes shall be limited to the necessities of the Government when honestly and economically administered."

The amendment of Mr. Neal was, after a short but spirited debate in which he took a leading part, adopted by a large majority of the convention. Its substitution for the

report of the committee as the exposition of the principle of his party on the question of tariff reform was the feature of the convention, and from the moment of its adoption Mr. Neal became a national character. His reputation as a public man was no longer confined to the limits of his own district and State. He had by this one act identified his name with a great principle, which became, and must ever be, a part of the history of the Government. His bold stand for the right, and his success in accomplishing his purpose to have the national Democracy maintain the principle for which he contended, placed him at once in a prominent position for the second place on the ticket to be nominated.

The entire New York delegation favored his nomination for Vice-President, and many delegates from other States united with them in urging him to become a candidate; but he refused to do so, and this too with a knowledge of the fact that the votes thus assured to him as a basis for his candidacy aggregated more than 300, and would have given him no mean chance for the nomination, if not the nomination itself.

In 1893 Mr. Neal was, without an effort on his part to secure the nomination, chosen by the Democracy of Ohio as their candidate for Governor. The result of the election was an overwhelming Republican victory, attributable to conditions and circumstances which operated adversely to the Democratic party not only in Ohio, but throughout the country. It was the defeat of the party, not of the man. That it was in no degree due to the candidacy of Mr. Neal is shown by the fact that he received nearly 5,000 more votes than any of his associates upon the ticket, all of whom were able and popular men.

His canvass was so conducted as to command for him the admiration of his political friends any foes alike. All concurred in the opinion that a more active, courageous and able advocacy of the principles of his party had never been made in Ohio; and the universal regret of his party friends was that he had not been nominated when his chances were more favorable for an election.

Mr. Neal is a gentleman of ripe experience in public matters, and combines in a marked degree the elements of a successful leader. His ability and integrity are alike unquestioned, and the honors conferred upon him come but as due recognition of his long and faithful service in the interests of his party.

FRANCIS M. DEWEESE, a prominent manufacturer of Chillicothe, Ohio, and an extensive breeder of fine-bred horses and stock, was born on the homestead farm of his father, near Sidney, Shelby county, Ohio, July 1, 1841, a son of James and Rebecca (Blue) DeWeese, the former of whom was born on the paternal farmstead, near Troy, Miami county, Ohio, and the latter in Shelby county. James DeWeese was a son of James DeWeese, Sr., who was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Philadelphia, and a farmer by occupation. Rebecca (Blue) DeWeese was a daughter of Michael and Nancy (Chaney) Blue, the latter of whom was a sister of John Chaney, late Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives. The Blue family were originally from Maryland; Michael Blue was an active participant in the war of 1812, and his father was an officer in the war of the Revolution. Soon after his marriage to Miss Nancy Chaney, Michael Blue

Respectfully Yours.

T. M. DeWeese.

left his native State (Maryland) and coming to Ohio first settled near Troy, Miami county; they subsequently removed to Shelby county, settling on their farm, near Sidney. They had seven children who lived to attain maturity, namely: Susan, Michael, Amy, Rebecca, Morgan, James and Jesse. The father was a prosperous farmer and a natural mechanic; in connection with his farm work, he manufactured plows, looms, spinning-wheels, cultivators and cradles. He also made the shoes worn by the members of his family. He was popular with all classes and lived a long and useful life, dying at the venerable age of ninety-one years; his wife lived to be nearly ninety years of age, and that she retained a remarkable vigor in her latter days is evident from the fact that she rode twenty-seven miles on horseback in one day when at the age of eighty-seven years, this exercise being a favorite pastime with her for many years.

The DeWeese family is of French origin and traces its lineage to the fourteenth century; the first members who emigrated to America came in 1793 and settled near Delaware bay; they were Johanna and Cornelius DeWeese. Some of America's earlier men of prominence are ancestors of our subject. In 1685, when was revoked the edict of Nantes, which gave the Huguenots the right of free worship, the DeWeese family were among the half million of people who sought refuge in other countries. Later Johanna and Cornelius DeWeese were joined in Delaware by numerous other members of the family, and then all moved into Pennsylvania and purchased large tracts of land in that new but attractive locality. There a town was founded and the DeWeese tavern built for the accommodation of those who passed on their trading tours to the post on the bay. This little primitive settlement was given the name of Trappe, which title it preserves to the present day, being now situate on the Philadelphia, Reading and Pottsville turnpike, twenty-six miles from Reading and twenty-five from Philadelphia. Though the DeWeese hostelry has changed hands and names times without number, yet it is still mentioned by some of the older inhabitants by its original name, which in that locality will ever have the significance that does Penn's name to Delaware bay and river. Just across the road from the historical old hotel is the first Lutheran church founded in America, its establishment dating back to 1743. The building still stands, unoccupied, but preserved under a good roof as a relic of the days long past. Surrounding the modest and weather-beaten edifice and associated with it in the affording of interesting and valuable historical data is the old churchyard, or burying ground, where headstones gray and mossy with age, the inscriptions partly obliterated by the iconoclastic hand of time, mark the last resting place of numerous descendants of this ancient and aristocratic family.

One of the most prominent members of this family was Dr. William Potts DeWeese, whose father was High Sheriff of Pennsylvania under the Lord Proprietary of that State under Charles III.—during 1773-4-5; he was also the highest officer of Masonry in the State. The mother of Dr. William Potts DeWeese was the daughter of Rev. Thomas Potts, the preacher of William Penn's colony at their settlement on Delaware Bay. William Potts DeWeese was left fatherless at the age of thirteen years, but being surrounded by wealth and influence he obtained the best educational advantages which the country afforded, becoming a

proficient Latin, Greek, French and German scholar. In the years 1787-8-9 he attended medical lectures at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. DeWeese is looked upon as the founder of the science of obstetrics and the greatest friend of all womankind. In 1825 he published "A Treatise on the Physical and Medical Treatment of Children;" in 1826 "A Treatise on the Diseases of Females," and in 1830 "The Practice of Medicine." He was given the chair of obstetrics in the University of Pennsylvania, in 1834, but was compelled to resign a few years later by reason of ill health. Dr. Hugh L. Hodge, successor of Dr. DeWeese, wrote and caused to be published an eulogium on Professor DeWeese, setting forth the many wonderful traits of this learned man, copies of which work are now in the hands of many members of the family.

In later years the DeWeese iron furnaces in Pennsylvania became nationally known, and DeWeese families were prospered in financial and social circles. The family still have in their possession heirlooms bearing the crest of the DeWeese ancestors. The coat-of-arms consists of the initial "D," surmounted by a wolf's head holding a leaf of clover in its mouth, and bearing the Latin inscription, "*Esse quam videri*," the translation of which is "To be rather than to seem,"—a truly noble sentiment.

Francis M. DeWeese, the immediate subject of this review, was the seventh in a family of twelve children. He was reared upon the frontier farm of his father and became thoroughly familiar with the manifold duties implied in carrying on such an enterprise under conditions that demanded "ceaseless toil and endeavor." He received his preliminary education in the primitive log schoolhouse of the period, and at the age of twenty years he became a student in the select school at Port Jefferson, Ohio, later attending school at Sidney. In the autumn of 1861 he began teaching and devoted himself to this occupation, in Shelby county, for forty-five months. He then operated the home farm for a period of two years, after which he was engaged in the sewing-machine business in Chillicothe for one year. He then removed to Lima, Ohio, where he remained for four and one-half years as a dealer in machines and musical instruments. In 1875 he returned to Chillicothe, moving thence, at the end of twelve months, to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he engaged in the manufacture of the Mosher lifting-jack, a valuable device invented and patented by his brother-in-law, Samuel Earl Mosher, the same being now utilized on nearly all railroad lines in the United States, as well as in Europe and Canada. In 1878 the manufactory was removed to Chillicothe, and the enterprise has since been conducted here. In addition to this important industry, Mr. DeWeese has a fine farm of 120 acres adjoining the city on the north, and known as Clinton Park; there he has some fine horses, raising from six to ten standard-bred colts each year. He is one of the principal stockholders of the Chillicothe Driving Park Company, and is now one of its board of directors; he is also a director of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society.

Upon political questions he casts his suffrage with the Republican party; he is a prominent member of several of the Masonic bodies and has served as High Priest of the Chapter, T. I. M. of the Council, Eminent Commander of Chillicothe Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar, and as Inspecting

Officer of the Grand Commandery of the State of Ohio.

Mr. DeWeese was united in marriage April 4, 1871, to Miss Olive E. Mosher, a native of the State of New York, and a sister of Messrs. Ira and S. Earl Mosher, whose biographies appear elsewhere in this work. Our subject and his wife are the parents of two children: F. Earl and Katherine M. Mrs. DeWeese, who is a member of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, is known in her home as the possessor of high musical and poetic gifts, she having at times given voice to the sweetest songs and sentiments. The following are among her most popular compositions: "Nellie Clyde," "Those Dear Old Songs," "Little Flirt Polka," "Better be out of the World than out of the Fashion," "When the Dream of Life is O'er," and "The Gypsy Maid." It is needless to say that the household is one in which the amenities and graces of an ideal life are ever in evidence and that gentle refinement sways all within the little family circle.

AUGUSTUS B. DICKEY, a retired hardware merchant of Chillicothe and a descendant of good old Scotch and English ancestors, was born on the old home of his father, in Berne township, Athens county, Ohio, June 24, 1825. When twenty-three years of age he left the farm and began clerking for his uncle, John Brown, who conducted a general mercantile business at Albany, in the same county, and eighteen months later he purchased the store of his uncle. He carried on the enterprise successfully for two years and then disposed of the same at a handsome profit. Thereupon, he turned his attention to the purchase of horses and cattle, which he shipped to the Eastern markets, and at the same time transacted a profitable and extensive business in lumber.

The thundering of rebel guns against Fort Sumter roused his patriotism to a point where inactivity was impossible, and he straightway prepared to do his part in the suppression of the rebellion. Raising Company I, Ninety-second Ohio Volunteer Infantry, he was chosen its Captain, and in due time received his commission from Governor Tod. To his extreme regret his health became so impaired by exposure that he was literally compelled to withdraw from active service on the field, being honorably discharged in July, 1863. The serious nature of his physical disability may be appreciated when it is stated that he never regained his health.

After a period of recuperation he again turned his attention to the same lines of enterprise in which he had been engaged prior to his enlistment. In 1871 he made a trip abroad, visiting the principal cities of England, Scotland and Ireland, and the islands of Orkney and Shetland. Incidental to his foreign sojourn he purchased three fine Clydesdale horses in England and Scotland, some blooded Berkshire swine, one Short-Horned bull, sixty-five Cotswold sheep and twenty Shetland ponies. The sheep and swine were sold in Athens and Ross counties and other sections of Ohio, on his return to Athens county. Mr. Dickey continued in the stock and lumber business until the summer of 1879, when he traveled over California and other western States until 1880, being engaged in the introduction of proprietary medicines manufactured in the East. In 1884 he disposed of a tract of land which he owned in Bates county, Missouri, and, returning to Ohio, located in

Chillicothe, where he purchased a hardware store, at No. 70 North Paint street. This enterprise he continued until September, 1893, when he disposed of the same and retired from active business, still retaining his residence in this city.

Mr. Dickey is a son of James and Betsey (Brown) Dickey, the former of whom was born in Carlisle, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, in 1788, six weeks after his parents landed in America as emigrants from the north of Ireland. The parents of James Dickey were Thomas and Margaret (Glenn) Dickey, who were born and raised in the county of Antrim, in the north of Ireland, and married there. They emigrated to Carlisle in 1788, as already noted, and in 1797 went to Freeburg, Pennsylvania, and in the following spring removed to Ohio, settling on a farm near Marietta; afterward they removed to Athens county and resided on the farm of their son James, the father of the subject of this sketch. Thomas Dickey died at the home of his daughter, Mary, near Burlington, Iowa, at the advanced age of eighty years. He and his wife were of Scotch ancestry, Presbyterians in their religious belief, and people of marked intelligence and integrity. They became the parents of six children: Peter, John, Joseph, James, Thomas, Mary and Martha. Mary married Luther Hopkins, of New York State, and Martha became the wife of Leonard Loukes. James Dickey, father of the subject of this review, while living near Marietta, contracted with the Government to carry the mail between that point and Chillicothe, giving his attention to such duty during the years 1813-14. He married Miss Betsey Brown, at the old Brown farm near Marietta. She was born in New Hampshire in 1792, a daughter of Samuel Brown, who was a native of Massachusetts, from which State he moved to the Old Granite State, and thence in an early day to Ohio; he was all his life engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, participating in the memorable battle of Bunker Hill. Later he was the recipient of a pension in recognition of his services. He remained an active man until his death, which occurred at the ripe age of eighty-two years, his latter days having been passed at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Dickey. James Dickey died in the spring of 1863, at the age of seventy-five years, his widow surviving until 1853.

Of the children of James and Betsey Dickey we are enabled to offer the following epitomized record: Fannie became the wife of Bennett C. Bailey, a farmer, and their children who grew to maturity were Lizzie, Seth, James, Bennett and Harriet; Austin Dickey married Eliza Shepard, and they had one son, Frank S., who is now a salesman in the hardware establishment at Chillicothe; he married Miss Leah Montgomery; Charles S. Dickey married Charlotte E. Lindley, and they have one son living, Charles L., of Athens; Augustus B. is the subject of this sketch; Harriet R. is the wife of Dr. C. L. Wilson, of Indianapolis, Indiana, and they have four children: Charles A., who is a physician; William A., John G. and Mary.

Augustus B. Dickey has had a somewhat eventful career. In his younger days he was a crack shot with the rifle and was a successful hunter of deer and wild turkey; even to this day he has not lost his prowess as a marksman. As to the fraternities he is a Knight Templar Mason, holding his membership in the Albany (Ohio) Lodge, No. 56; he became a member of the Masonic frater-

nity in 1853; was a charter member and Master of Harrisonville (Ohio) Lodge, and of Guysville Lodge, having once been also Master of the Albany Lodge.

Mr. Dickey enjoys a distinctive popularity and the confidence and respect of all who know him, is a gentleman of high intelligence, has a large fund of information in regard to men and affairs, and has proved a most capable and discriminating business man.

HENRY HICKLE, one of the leading farmers of Ross county, was born in Colerain township, near Hallsville, this county, February 26, 1826, a son of Henry Hickle, a native of Rockingham county, Virginia.

The paternal grandfather was a native of Germany, and after emigrating to America located in Virginia, where he followed agricultural pursuits. In the fall of 1813 he came in wagons to Ohio, locating in Colerain township, Ross county. They purchased 100 acres of wild land, built a log house in the woods, and afterward cleared the farm. The father died here at a ripe old age. Henry Hickle was an energetic and hard-working man, and his death occurred here in 1841, at the age of sixty-four years. He was a consistent member of the Methodist Church. The mother of our subject, *née* Rebecca Reed, was a native of Virginia, her parents having been among the pioneer settlers of that State. She died in 1826. Mr. and Mrs. Hickle had nine children, our subject being the youngest in order of birth, and six are now living. After the mother's death the father was again married, and by that union were born five children.

Henry Hickle, Jr., was only one week old when his mother died, and at the age of thirteen years he also lost his father by death. He was reared on the old homestead, and in early life was thrown on his own resources, having worked at anything he could find to do. At the age of twenty-one years he and his elder brother, Samuel, purchased eighty acres of land in Colerain township, but five years later our subject sold his interest to his brother. In 1854 he bought his present farm in Green township, Ross county, and now owns 142 acres, located in the Kinnikinnick valley, where he has many good improvements. Mr. Hickle started in life with comparatively nothing, and has worked many times for twenty-five cents a day. He has made what he now owns by hard work, good management and economy.

In 1854 Mr. Hickle was joined in marriage with Sarah Reedy, who died in 1860. They had one child, Altha, now the wife of Chauncey Foust, Oklahoma Territory. In 1861 Mr. Hickle married Sarah Reedy, a cousin of his former wife. They have five children—Mary B., Ursinus, Julia, Arthur and Floyd. In political matters, our subject supports the Republican party, has always taken an active interest in local matters, and for over twenty years held the position of school director. Both he and his wife are members of the German Reformed Church, in which Mr. Hickle has served as Deacon and Elder for many years.

FRANK LITTLER, dealer in live stock at East Monroe, was born on the farm where his father now lives, April 8, 1855.

His father, Walter B. Littler, was born May 1, 1827, and married Julia D. Carothers, January 1, 1850, and their children are: Nathan L., deceased; Oscar C., Frank, the

subject of this sketch; Mary, Charles, Laurie, Florence and John B.

John Littler, father of Walter B., was born January 16, 1800, and died May 31, 1855. His wife, maiden name Nancy McClure, was born February 8, 1804, and died February 4, 1890. They were married December 2, 1819, and their children were: Eliza Jane, who married William W. Barnes; Thomas J., who married Hannah Huff, moved to Howard county, Indiana, and some of their children are living there; Samuel, married and moved to Warren county, Iowa, was a volunteer in the late war and died at Benton barracks, St. Louis, Missouri; Walter B., (subject); Sarah E., who married Thomas R. Stanfield and moved to Howard county, Indiana, where she died; John M., who, married to his third wife, is now living in Clinton county, Ohio; William, now married the second time, is now living in Kokomo, Indiana; James H., who was born February 2, 1836, and is now living on the old homestead near Centerfield, Ohio; he married Ann Dove, March 22, 1859, and their children are Allie May, Nancy Jane, John B., William D., Avice Lavella and Harvey Dallas, all of whom are living except the last named; Mary Elizabeth, the youngest child of John and Nancy (McClure) Littler, married Charles N. Harris and now resides in St. Paul, Minnesota.

John Littler, the father of the above named children, was a prominent citizen of his day and served as a Commissioner between 1840 and 1850. Samuel Littler, father of John and great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, was born in Virginia, March 20, 1873, and his wife, *née* Sarah Stanfield, was born October 6, 1779, and died June 25, 1840. They were married April 11, 1799, and moved to Greene county, Tennessee, and later to Walnut Creek, Highland county, Ohio, in 1803 or '4, where Mr. Littler died, September 22, 1827. Their children were John, Thomas Seth, Nathan, Elizabeth, Eliza and Rachel. Mr. Littler was the first Justice of the Peace of Fairfield township, Highland county.

John Littler, Jr., father of Samuel, was the great-great-grandfather of our subject. His children were Elisha, John, Samuel, Sarah, Nancy, Laban and Joshua. John Littler, father of John, Jr., and great-great-great-grandfather of the subject of this sketch, together with his brother, Mincher Littler, crossed the ocean with William Penn on one of his voyages. The two brothers were stanch members of the Friends' Society. Mincher settled in one of the Carolinas, his descendants drifted westward, and some of them may now be found in Indiana. The other brother, John, who is the American ancestor of the Highland county Littlers, located in Virginia. His children were Samuel, John, Jr., Nathan, Rachel and Sarah.

Mr. Littler, with whose name this record commences, when ten years of age went to live with his grandmother Carothers. At sixteen he accepted work on the railroad and was employed in various capacities for four years. In 1878 for a short time he was an express messenger, and for the past sixteen years he has been engaged in the live-stock business, being now a member of the firm of Knedler & Littler, with offices at East Monroe, Ohio. They make a specialty of handling hogs, and ship as many as 18,000 a season. They purchase principally in southern Ohio, going as far as sixty miles from headquarters. Philadelphia is their principal market, although they

sometimes ship direct to Liverpool, England.

Mr. Littler was married August 17, 1876, to Annie Elizabeth Carman, and their children are: Olive Charity, born June 21, 1877; James Vick, Frank Carothers and Minnie.

ALBERT H. REUTINGER, superintendent of the Chillicothe Electric Street Railway Company, is one of the most enterprising and energetic business men in Ross county, and is worthy of representation among those honored men and women who made the way for the rapid march of civilization from sea-board to sea-board. He was born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1853.

His father, Conrad H. Reutinger, a native of the Swiss Republic, emigrated to the United States in 1850, and located in Hartford, Connecticut, where he remained five years; he then came to Chillicothe, Ohio, and identified himself with a wholesale business, with which he was connected during eighteen years. He established a business of his own, which he conducted twenty years, meeting with much success and winning a host of friends. He died in 1892, aged sixty-one years. He served two terms as County Commissioner, discharging the duties of the office with entire satisfaction to the people. Politically he acted with the Republican party, and in his religious faith he was a Lutheran, and took a deep interest in the progress of religious work. He was twice married, wedding for his first wife Miss Caroline Byer, a native of Saxony, Germany; they had a family of eight children, Albert H. being the second-born; the mother died at the age of forty years. There were three children of the second marriage.

The subject of this sketch was an infant of two years when his parents removed to Ohio, and located in Chillicothe. He attended the common schools, and was also a pupil in the Chillicothe Commerical College. At the age of thirteen years he entered the employ of M. R. Bartlett & Company, leading pork-packers of Chillicothe, beginning as chore-boy, but evinced so much interest in the business and an aptitude so unusual, that at the end of three years he was given charge of the books of the firm. He continued with this establishment five years, and then spent one year in his father's store, and in 1874 engaged in the retail coal business. His capital was small, but he soon established excellent credit, and acquired an extensive trade. Later he added lime, cement, building material and sewer pipe, and now carries a very complete stock in all these lines.

In December, 1890, Mr. Reutinger became connected with the street railway. It was then running at a loss, and after much urging he accepted the management of the entire business. He made some radical changes in the operation and at the end of the first year declared a good dividend. The road was then sold to an Eastern capitalist, but Mr. Reutinger remained superintendent. In October, 1892, the present electric system took the place of the old horse-car, and the line was greatly improved. The owner about this time became involved in other transactions, and in June, 1893, the court appointed Mr. Reutinger receiver. The receipts of the road continue to increase, and it is considered one of the best organized lines in the State.

In 1884 Mr. Reutinger was appointed col-

lector of tolls of the Ohio & Erie Canal, and served in this capacity one year; he was re-appointed in 1888, and has served continuously since that time.

Mr. Reutinger was united in marriage October 1, 1873, to Miss Mary Howe, a native of Illinois, and they have one child, a daughter named Valletta J. They are both members of the Third Presbyterian Church. Our worthy subject belongs to the I. O. O. F., to the Masonic order, to the Knights of Pythias and to the order of Elks. In politics he supports the Republican party.

Although he began his career in a most humble station, he has arisen to a position of financial independence. His methods have always been the most correct, his dealings the most honorable; he has stopped short of no effort to attain success, and success is his.

JACOB L. BOWSHER, a resident of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, was born in the township in which he now lives, December 7, 1840, son of Amos Bowsher and grandson of Jacob Bowsher, both natives of Berks county, Pennsylvania, the former born October 26, 1803, and the latter in the year 1772. The father of Jacob Bowsher emigrated from Alsace-Lorraine, Germany, and settled in Pennsylvania, where he spent the rest of his life and died. Jacob Bowsher came from Pennsylvania to Ohio on horseback in 1801, and upon his arrival here purchased the west half of section 2, Colerain township, Ross county. He returned to Pennsylvania, and in 1804 came back to Ohio with his family, making the journey this time by wagon. Upon his return he at once built a cabin on his land, and in pioneer style their family home was established in the wilderness. Their neighbors were few and far apart, and it was many years before the wild animals and Indians disappeared from this section of the country. He devoted his energies to the clearing of his land the rest of his life. He died here in 1849, aged seventy-seven years. He was an active participant in the war of 1812. By trade he was a cabinetmaker, which he followed in connection with his farming, making most of the coffins used in this vicinity during his day. His wife survived him a number of years, her death occurring in 1864, at the age of ninety-six years. They reared two sons and five daughters, Amos, the father of our subject, being the oldest son, and being a year old when his parents came to Ohio.

Amos Bowsher became a farmer when he grew up, and acquired considerable land, owning at the time of his death about 1,200 acres. He died in 1878, having spent his whole life on the farm which his father had located upon first coming to Ohio. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Catherine Heffner, was also a native of Pennsylvania. She came with her parents to Ohio about the time the Bowsher family settled here. She died in 1876, aged sixty-nine years. They reared seven children, three of whom are still living, Jacob L. being the sixth born.

Jacob L. Bowsher has spent his whole life on the old Bowsher farm, which has been in the family now about ninety-two years, having come into possession of this place some time prior to his father's death.

October 10, 1866, Mr. Bowsher married Miss Salena Crites, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of pioneer parents who moved to this State from Pennsylvania. Her father

and mother have long since passed away. Mr. and Mrs Bowsher have thirteen children, all of whom are living. Politically, Mr. Bowsher is a Republican.

LEVI J. BOOKWALTER, one of the intelligent and enterprising farmers of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, is a native of this place, born May 24, 1837, son of Samuel Bookwalter. He was reared on the farm and was engaged in agricultural pursuits when the war broke out.

October 12, 1861, when a call was made for additional troops, he volunteered his services for the protection of the old flag, and as a brave and gallant soldier he served his country well. The company of which he was a member, Company A, Seventy-third Ohio, was raised in his neighborhood, with the exception of a few men who came from other places. He remained with the Seventy-third Regiment until the winter of 1863, when he was transferred to the One Hundred and Thirty-sixth New York Regiment, raised in the vicinity of Mt. Morris, New York, and served on detached duty at brigade headquarters. During this time he was clerk. He was honorably discharged January 9, 1865, in South Carolina. While a member of the Seventy-third Ohio Regiment he participated in numerous engagements, among which we mention those of Romerey, Moorfield, McDowell, Cross Keys, Cedar Mountain, Freeman's Ford, second Bull Run, Fredericksburg, Gettysburg, Chancellorsville, Missionary Ridge, Resaca, New Hope Church, Peach Tree Creek, and the memorable "March to the Sea." In the battle of Bull Run 144 men in his regiment were lost in the brief period of ten minutes, and while he did not receive a wound he had his cap shot from off his head. While he was on the march near Chancellorsville he was taken sick, dropped out of the ranks, lay down by the wayside to rest, and finally crawled to a house. He found the family Union people and from their hands received the kindest treatment. While there he had a siege of typhoid fever, being unconscious for three days. He finally reached his regiment, and three weeks later returned home.

Mr. Bookwalter has been engaged in farming ever since the war, and has spent his whole life in the locality in which he now lives. His farm, comprising 110 acres, is located on the Adelphi turnpike, and is one of the most desirable places in the neighborhood. In addition to his farming operations, he has given considerable attention to stock-raising, making a specialty of Jersey and Galloway cattle.

In 1865 Mr. Bookwalter married Miss Kate Newhouse, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio. Her paternal ancestors came to this country from England. Mr. and Mrs. Bookwalter have one son, Orland S., born August 18, 1866. He is now engaged in the mercantile business at Hallsville, this county.

Mr. Bookwalter is a prominent member of the G. A. R., and politically he is a Republican. He takes an active interest in local affairs, has frequently served as a delegate to county conventions, and in 1890 was the Census Enumerator of his township. Mrs. Bookwalter and her son Orland S. are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JAMES MILTON THOMAS, present Probate Judge of Ross county, is a native of the same county in which he now holds so conspicuous preferment and of which he is a distinguished citizen. He was born on the old paternal homestead farm, one-half of a mile west of Clarksburg, on the 24th of April, 1858, a son of Archibald and Mary E. (Norris) Thomas. Archibald Thomas was born on the old homestead of his father, in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1814, and his death occurred August 6, 1888. He came with his parents to Ohio in 1818, the family locating in what was then Ross county, but now a part of Pickaway county. They established their home in what was known at the time as the Deer Creek settlement. The parents, Samuel and Jane (Payne) Thomas, were both born in Maryland. The former was a lineal descendant of Samuel Thomas, who came to America on the Mayflower. Both were of Welsh extraction. After locating in Ohio they continued their residence here until they were called upon to answer death's inexorable summons, both of them dying in Pickaway county. They had one son (father of our subject) and three daughters: Ann married Aaron Smith and resided in Ross county; Rebecca became the wife of Urias Ater, and their home was in Pickaway county; Sibbie married James Ater, and their home was in Piatt county, Illinois.

Archibald Thomas was twice married, his first wife being Miss Sarah Ater, by whom he had two children: William A., who is a resident of Pickaway county; and Mary A., who is the wife of John J. Junk, of Judsonia, Arkansas. Sometime after the demise of his first wife Archibald Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Norris, daughter of Leonard and Dorothy (Shepherd) Norris, both of whom were natives of Maryland. Arnold Norris, father of Leonard Norris, with others of his relatives, gained distinction in the Revolutionary war. They settled in Pickaway county, Ohio, locating on a farm north of Circleville, where they passed the remainder of their lives. They were the parents of one son and five daughters. Archibald and Mary E. Thomas had nine children, namely: Samuel L., who married Miss Lou Newman, of Ross county, is engaged in the grocery business at Springfield; Frank A., who married Miss Nannie Leasure, of Fayette county, is Postmaster at Clarksburg, Ross county; Eliza J. is the wife of Arthur Pricer, who is superintendent of a manufacturing company at Cincinnati; David F. died at the age of nineteen years; James M. is the subject of this sketch; Laura P. is the widow of Richard Scarbrough, deceased, and resides at Williamsport, Ohio; Florence is the wife of James Anderson, a merchant of Woodlyn, Pickaway county; Lulu M. died in 1891, at the age of twenty-two years; Miss Alice M. is a clerk in the office of the Probate Judge.

Our subject attended the public schools of Clarksburg until he had attained the age of seventeen years, when he began teaching school, a calling to which he gave his attention for a period of three years, after which he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, matriculating with the class of 1883. He did not complete the full course at this institution, but returned to Clarksburg, where he taught during one winter, simultaneously taking up a thorough course of reading and study with a view of fitting himself for the practice of law. He completed his legal studies in the office of Judge

James M. Thomas

William H. Safford, of Chillicothe, and was admitted to the bar in June, 1884. He at once entered upon the active and successful practice of his profession at Chillicothe, and was thus engaged until his election to the office of Probate Judge, in November, 1893. He was nominated for Mayor of Chillicothe in 1885, as the candidate of the Republican party, his Democratic opponent being David Smart. While he was defeated at the polls Judge Thomas had the satisfaction of reducing the Democratic majority in the city from 400 to 235.

October 18, 1887, Judge Thomas was united in marriage to Miss Flora E. Wayland, daughter of one of the prominent merchants of Chillicothe. They have three children: William A., Julia E., and Lulu W. Our subject and his wife are devoted members of the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe; in his fraternal relations the Judge is prominently identified with the order of Elks. He takes rank among the leading lawyers and citizens of Ross county, enjoying a wide popularity and the confidence of all.

HON. OLIVER P. GOODMAN, one of the representative citizens of Ross county, was born in Green township, this county, April 27, 1839, a son of David Goodman, who was also born in this township, December 12, 1801. The grandfather, John Goodman, was a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania, and his father, George Goodman, emigrated from Germany to Pennsylvania. John Goodman married Charlotte Shuck about 1788. He was a farmer by occupation, came to Ohio in September, 1797, and purchased 400 acres of land in the Scioto valley, in what is now Green township, Ross county. He raised a small crop of corn, oats and flax, and in the following fall returned to Pennsylvania. In September, 1798, he brought his family to his new home. He was one of the first settlers in this section, and Indians frequently camped on his land as they passed from Kentucky to northern Ohio. His family at that time consisted of his wife, five children and his mother. The latter died here in 1801, at the age of about eighty-three years, and is buried on the old Goodman homestead. When she was fourteen years of age she and her little brother were captured by Indians in Pennsylvania. The latter was killed two days after his capture by the red-skins. Mrs. Goodman was held captive seven years and was taken back and forth through the Ohio Territory to Kentucky, often camping on the land where her son afterward located, on the banks of the Scioto. She was sold as a slave to a party of Canadians, was with the Canadians two years, and by a treaty was afterward returned to her friends. She married George Goodman about 1746. John Goodman lived on his farm in this county until his death, which occurred when he was aged sixty-eight years. He raised nine children, whose ages at the time of their death ranged from forty-eight to ninety-three years.

David Goodman, the father of our subject, and the sixth in order of birth in the above family, was early inured to farm labor. When a young man he and his elder brother, Daniel, made about four trips each year, from 1826 to 1832, to New Orleans and return. They carried their cargo on flat-boats, the cargo consisting of flour, bacon, whisky, etc. They usually were obliged to walk most of the way on

the return trip, and carried their money in saddle-bags. Mr. Goodman died March 12, 1891, at the age of ninety years. He was never confined to his bed by sickness for more than one day during his entire life, was always successful in his undertakings, never had a lawsuit and was never sued. He married Elizabeth Cullum, who was born in the eastern part of Maryland, in 1812, of English and Welsh ancestry. Her people emigrated to Ohio in 1815, locating in the Kinnikinnick valley. She is still living at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman had seven children, three of whom died in infancy, and four still survive.

Oliver P. Goodman, the only son, and the second in order of birth of the surviving children, attended the common schools until twenty years of age, and then entered Mt. Pleasant Academy, where he graduated in May, 1862. He then superintended the old homestead for his father for several years, and in 1871 settled on his present farm of 140 acres of choice land, located in the Scioto valley, near Kingston. Mr. Goodman votes with the Democratic party, and in 1883 was elected Representative for Ross county, serving in that position two years. He was a member of the Agricultural and Public Works Committee, was chairman of the Committee on Public Highways, and was one of a special committee for the erection of the William Allen statue in Memorial Hall, at Washington, District of Columbia. He was appointed a member of the Ohio Live Stock Commission by Gov. Campbell, and served in that position three years. Mr. Goodman was largely instrumental in securing the bill providing for the live stock commission, and he held other positions of trust. He has filled all the positions in the subordinate degrees of the I. O. O. F., and has also served two years as District Grand Master. He is a charter member and director in the Scioto Valley Bank, at Kingston.

Mr. Goodman was married October 17, 1865, to Dorcas Kelley, a native of Liberty township, Ross county. Her grandparents came from Frederick county, Virginia, to Ohio in 1803. They were of Irish ancestry, who emigrated to America in early days. Her father was a tanner and farmer by occupation. Mr. and Mrs. Goodman have four children: Harriet, wife of A. W. Jones, a civil engineer at Waukesha, Wisconsin, who has charge of about 400 miles of track for the Northern Pacific Railroad; and Alice, Mamie and David K., at home.

QUARTIN HICKEL, who has long been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, was born at Mount Jackson, Shenandoah county, Virginia, September 9, 1815. His father, George Hickel, was born in Winchester, Frederick county, Virginia, in 1769, and his grandfather, Devault Hickel, was a native of Germany. Devault Hickel emigrated to America when he was a young man and located in the Old Dominion, near Winchester. Subsequently he removed to Ohio, and in Colerain township, Ross county, died at the age of ninety years. George Hickel came to Ohio with his family in 1816, making the journey by wagon, and upon his arrival in Colerain township purchased a tract of land, and established his home. By trade he was a shoemaker. He died in 1856, aged eighty-eight years. Of his wife, the mother of our subject, be

it recorded that her maiden name was Mary Weaver, and that she was a native of Virginia. She died at the age of seventy-six years Four of her six children are still living.

Martin Hickel, the second born in his father's family, was one year old at the time they emigrated to Ohio. Here he grew up, and as soon as he was old enough to hold the plow handles was put to work on the farm. His education was limited to the subscription schools held in the log schoolhouse near his home. After he reached his majority he began working out, being employed in the stone quarries in Scioto township for about two years, and after that he turned his attention to farming. In 1830 he moved to Deerfield township, this county, where he carried on farming operations seventeen years. For the past forty-six years he has lived in Concord township, having purchased land here in 1847, this land at the time of purchase being all covered with timber. For a number of years he and his brother Devault, carried on their farming operations in partnership, their farm, 450 acres, being held jointly. In connection with their farming operations they also carried on stock-raising extensively for a number of years. Devault Hickel died in 1892, leaving a widow and ten children.

Martin Hickel was married in 1863 to Rachel Hickel, of Guernsey county, Ohio. They have no children. During all these years the Hickel brothers lived together on their large farm, their residence, a commodious frame building, being one of the nicest homes in the vicinity.

Mr. Hickel casts his vote with the Democratic party, but has never given much time to political matters, and he has never been an office-holder. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ELIJAH C. ROCKHOLD, a banker, merchant, manufacturer and farmer, Bainbridge, Ohio, was born at this place April 17, 1843.

The history of the Rockhold family dates back to John Rockwall, who emigrated to America on the vessel John and Mary about 1630 or '31, and settled in Massachusetts. The name was subsequently changed to Rockhold. Some members of the family afterward removed to Pennsylvania, and their history from that time on is best told by Elijah Rockhold, the father of Elijah C., in a newspaper article published in 1875:

"I was born at Highbank, Ross county, Ohio, October 29, 1801. My father, Joseph Rockhold, emigrated from Huntington township and county, Pennsylvania, where he was born in October, 1774, and where he remained until about 1796 or '97. He married Mary Rickets, October 12, 1796. She was born December 26, 1777. Father and mother remained at Highbank five or six years. From there we moved three miles north of Bainbridge, at the head of Cove Run, and purchased about 350 acres of land, all in wilderness. When we went there the wolves, bears and wild turkeys came nightly to the cabin, which was placed in a clearing just sufficient to set it in. My father's family consisted of twelve children, born and named as follows: Hannah, August 14, 1797; Rebecca, January 20, 1800; Elijah, October 29, 1801; Ruth October 14, 1803; Joseph, October 26, 1805; Samuel, October 23, 1807; Matilda, January 1, 1810; Hezekiah, May 1, 1811; Alfred, November 29, 1814; Mary, April 21, 1817; Perry, December 8, 1818; and Mahala, April 11, 1821.

"It will be observed that none of our family bore double names. We all lived to

be grown except Perry, who died January 6, 1834, of hydrophobia. * * * * Hannah died in 1813, at the age of sixteen. My other brothers and sisters grew up and all married except Alfred, who died October 5, 1840. Several went West and reared families. Five of us are yet alive. Rebecca married John Warrick, and is living in Keokuk, Iowa, surrounded by a large family of children. Hezekiah lives in Kinmundy, Illinois. He also has a large family. Mary married Thomas E. Teters, and lives in Noblesville, Indiana. Only two of her large family are now living. Matilda married Joseph Moins. They reside in Paint township, Ross county, Ohio, and have five children. Mahala married Amos Tuthill. They went West and her remains repose near Des Moines, Iowa. She died January 4, 1856, leaving several children. Ruth died near Jasper, Pike county, Ohio, August 2, 1857. She married Thomas McKee, and left several children. Samuel married Anna Glasscock. They lived in Paint township, Ross county, on my father's old homestead. Father gave it to him for taking care of them during their lives. Father died June 15, 1860. Mother, who then came to live with me, died August 8, 1871, aged ninety-three years, seven months and twelve days. Samuel died September 20, 1867. Joseph married Maria Middleton, and died in the house he was born in, November 17, 1869. He left sons and daughters. His wife is dead also.

"Having thus briefly alluded to the births and deaths of my brothers and sisters, and also those living, I now proceed to tell of myself and give some information of the early history of this section of the country and my own experience in life.

"My earliest recollections are of the burial of my grandfather Rockhold. He came to Ohio from Pennsylvania about the time my father died. His name was Nathaniel. He died when I was four or five years old, on my father's homestead in Paint township. Grandmother Rockhold survived him, and again married a man by the name of Matthews. They lived and died in Highland county.

"As I grew up, being the oldest son, I was put to doing such work as little boys could perform, for in those pioneer times all had to take hold and help clear the land and make the family a comfortable home. At nine or ten years of age I well remember I was thus employed, for father was called to the defence of our common country in the war of 1812. During his absence mother, the eldest sisters and myself had to run the farm. In December, 1813, we were deprived of the aid previously given to us by Hannah, who died, as already stated. Father was out several times during the war, which lasted three years. We were situated similarly to a great many other families in our immediate vicinity—and all over the country in fact—and we had to do and endure as best we could. We weathered the storm, however, and at last father was restored to us.

"I continued to aid my parents on the farm until of age, in 1822. Some months after my father said to me: 'Elijah, you have been a good boy, have worked faithfully for me, and as the family is large and I am a poor man, I cannot give you anything, but it is time you were looking out for yourself.' Being thus admonished, I looked about, and, leaving home with a heavy heart, began to search for employment. Coming down to Bainbridge, I called on Samuel Turner, the keeper of the

stone hotel, which building I now own. I told him my situation. He knew me, and as he was stage agent he knew that John Watson, hotel-keeper on Water street, Chillicothe, stage proprietor and mail contractor, wanted a stage driver: so he recommended me. Mr. Watson hired me, and I entered upon a new vocation. The stage coach was not a stage coach at all, but what was called in those days a Spanker wagon. It was lighter than the old lumbering, clumsy Virginia and Conestage wagons, but not as finished and comfortable a vehicle as the stage coaches which succeeded the Spankers and the ones now used where the railroads have not sent them into disuse. I drove stage some three weeks, and did for him the best I could. This was just as the winter broke up. The spring thaw had set in and the roads were not only muddy but the road-beds were soft and let the wheels deep down. It was on black soil, and the horses had to drag the wagon by main strength. One day the wagon broke down, and I had to toggle it together as best I could, drag it to the blacksmith shop and get it mended. I went on, though late, and, not arriving in Chillicothe on time, Mr. Watson rode out to meet me. He met me going down the east side of McArthur hill, over which the road was constructed. He was furious, for he was responsible for the non-arrival of the mail and liable to a fine of $50. But I used all due diligence and was not at fault for the accident. He would not listen to reason and discharged me.

"Coming back to Bainbridge, my discharge became known to David Adams, who was then doing a large mercantile business. He wanted a clerk and proposed that I should engage with him, which I did. He was a thorough business man, and under my eight years' apprenticeship with him I learned his mode of doing business and was initiated into his private arrangements. In 1833 I entered into partnership with Mr. Adams, and opened a store, known between us as "No. 2," where T. C. Campbell & Co. now trade. I had saved up $300 of my salary and put that in as part payment of a large bill of goods bought by him in Philadelphia for the firm of Adams & Rockhold. One day, while I was running No. 2 store, John Highmiller came in with $1,800, which he proposed I should borrow. I gave him my individual note and was to pay him 6 per cent interest in goods out of the store. I applied the $1,800 to the payment of our bills in Philadelphia. Mr. Adams soon found that the trade of the other store, which he owned individually, was leaving him, and as it was not profitable to him to keep both stores running, he proposed to me to buy him out. He well knew that I had not the means to pay down, so he sold me the goods on time, which bargain was agreeably consummated in fifteen minutes. I rented and moved into the store he had occupied, and have continued trade here ever since. I also rented the tan-yard for awhile.

"April 7, 1833, I married Julianna Doddridge Carson. We commenced housekeeping in a very humble way. This was before I was so agreeably surprised by the proposition of Mr. Highmiller. Money at this time was much plentier, trade was brisk, and I made money fast. In a short time Mr. Adams desired me to buy his real estate in Bainbridge and 150 acres of land on what was known as Potts Hill in Paxton township. I did so. By this time my indebtedness was large for a man of my means. My debts, however, were paid as they became due,

and it was fortunate that we were able to get out of debt as fast as we did, say in 1837, for that year came a panic, the consequence of which were much more deplorable to our country than those which followed in 1857 and 1873. This panic continued to embarrass the country for fully five years. * * *

"Eight children were born to us. The first and second, twin daughters, we named Mary and Amanda. They were born December 7, 1833. Mary died July 22, 1834. Amanda grew up, as did nearly all our children, and married John R. Crosley, December 24, 1857. They went to Marshall, Illinois, where a daughter, Eureka, was born. She died when about two years old. January 21, 1861, another daughter was born, named Julianna Rockhold. She died July 3, aged five months and sixteen days. Amanda died April 21, 1861, aged twenty-seven years, two months and fourteen days. The third child, Cyrus, born February 24, 1836, died October 26, 1858. The fourth, Corey, born November 18, 1837, died September 13, 1864. Helen C., born November 20, 1839, died May 31, 1868, and Elijah C., born April 17, 1843, was married September 24, 1872, to Cidna M. Jones, and has three children, Earnest, Georgianna and Cyrus K. Phillip D., born December 4, 1845, died March 9, 1849; and Joseph, born May 21, 1849, died October 5, 1865."

The mother of the above family was born in Highland county, Ohio, November 23, 1808, and died in Ross county, July 12, 1872. The father, the author of the above, passed away March 6, 1886. He was one of the original organizers of the bank of Rockhold, Cook & Co., Bainbridge, and was also connected with the First National Bank at Chillicothe, being a stockholder and one of its organizers. During the latter part of his life he was identified with the Presbyterian Church.

Elijah C. Rockhold was educated at Bainbridge and Oxford, having been a student at Oxford after his return from the war. He enlisted in the service at the age of nineteen, becoming a member of Company H, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in June, 1862. At the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, he was captured by the Rebels, and was taken successively to Richmond, Danville and Andersonville, being held eighteen months. At the two last named places he suffered extremely, being for some time at the point of starvation. From Andersonville he was taken to Florence, South Carolina, and thence to Goldsborough, North Carolina, where he was paroled March 3, 1865, and was carried through the lines on a pair of stretchers. He soon afterward returned home. An honored member of the G. A. R., he takes great interest in all things pertaining to the war, and has in his possession some interesting relics from Chickamauga, Andersonville and elsewhere.

Mr. Rockhold has succeeded his father in his extensive banking and general merchandise business. He also operates a tannery and has a personal supervision over extensive farming interests, having land both in Ohio and in Minnesota. He is a stanch Republican and has served the public as a member of the School Board, besides filling other local offices.

JACOB FISHER, one of the venerable citizens of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, is a native of this place and is familiar with every phase of life in the county, from the hard-

ships and privations of pioneer days on down to the wonderful progress and advanced civilization of the present time.

He was born February 23, 1819, a son of one of Ross county's earliest pioneers. Jacob Fisher, his father, was born in Pennsylvania, January 3, 1774, son of Phillip Fisher, a native of Germany. Phillip Fisher emigrated to America and first settled in Pennsylvania, from whence, in 1777, he removed with his family to Virginia. In the spring of 1799 the senior Jacob Fisher came on horse-back from Virginia to Ohio, he being at that time an ambitious young man, filled with the spirit of emigration and with an earnest desire to make a home in what was then the far West. That summer he put in a crop of corn just east of where Chillicothe is now located, and in the fall he returned to Virginia for his wife and child, whom he brought back with him and left near Chillicothe until he could erect a log cabin on the 200 acres of land he had purchased in Concord township. As soon as the cabin was completed he moved his family to it. This was March 3, 1800. This cabin, rude as it was and with its dirt floor, was the abode of happiness and peace, for he and his wife were busy all the time and the prospect was bright. The forest abounded in game of all kinds, and Indians, too, were plenty, but the latter never gave them any serious trouble. As the years passed by his persistent energy resulted in the development of a fine farm, and in the meantime the war of 1812 with its dangers and hardships called the pioneers from their homes to the field of battle. While Mr. Fisher was in the war his wife and a few other neighbor women would leave their homes at night and seek shelter and protection from the red men in a fort on the old Coachron farm. To this place they repaired every night for two months.

While the line of survey was being run for the tract of land of which this farm is a part, the surveyors and posse were chased by the Indians twice. The father of our subject died in 1866, aged ninety-two years, one month and seventeen days. The mother was seventy-eight at the time of her death. They reared four sons and five daughters, a brief record of whom is as follows: John, born in 1797, died in 1853; Hannah, born in 1800, died in 1829; Phillip, born in 1803, died in 1840; Absalom, born in 1805, died in 1844; Phoebe, born in 1807, died in 1829; Susan, born in 1810, died in 1887; Catherine, born March 29, 1813, is the wife of Abiah Wright, and is living in Pike county, Illinois; Willomenie, born in 1816, died in 1844; and Jacob, the subject of our sketch, born February 23, 1819.

Jacob Fisher's earliest recollections are of the log cabin in which he was born and of the log school-house, with its puncheon floors and slab benches, where his early boyhood days were spent, his school attendance being limited to the rainy days, as at other times he had to stay at home and work. He continued to reside under the parental roof until he reached his majority, and has resided in this township all his life and has all these years been engaged in agricultural pursuits, his land holdings at this time comprising 218 acres.

Mr. Fisher was married June 3, 1841, to Miss Eleneor Wilson, a native of Buckskin township, this county, and a daughter of John H. Wilson, an early settler of this place, who came here from Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Fisher became the parents of nine children: Mary E., born April 8, 1842, died in 1861; William B., born September 23, 1843, is

married and lives at Harrison, Ohio; Absalom M., born October 16, 1845; Albert H., born July 14, 1847; John E., born April 18, 1851; Naoma, born August 30, 1854, died December 2, 1887; Kary W., born January 1, 1859; Amos M., born March 15, 1862. The golden wedding of the parents was celebrated June 3, 1891, attended by a large assemblage of relatives and friends, and they received some valuable presents, as two gold canes, gold spectacles, etc. It was a memorable occasion.

Mr. Fisher's father was a member of the Presbyterian Church, and to this church he and his wife both belong. Politically, he is a Democrat. He has for a number of years been a member of the Grange, and in all local affairs he has ever taken an active interest.

JUDGE I. N. TOLLE, one of the foremost citizens of southern Ohio, is a native of Adams county and was born about two miles east of Winchester, on the 2d day of April, 1839, his parents being Denton and Nancy (Waldron) Tolle. His grandfather, Stephen Tolle, who came in the early part of this century, was the original settler of the family in this county. He was from Virginia and went from there to Kentucky and thence to Ohio; was formerly a miller, and placed a mill east of Winchester. He died in this county. His wife was from Maryland.

Denton Tolle, the father of our subject, was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, came to this county with his parents and grew to manhood here. He followed the occupation of mechanic, and died in this county on the 16th of November, 1891, being at that time nearly seventy-four years of age. The mother of our subject was born in Adams county and was the daughter of Henry and Priscilla (Thurman) Waldron, whose parents were from Maryland and both of Scotch descent. They came to this county after the Tolles and settled east of Brush creek in Meigs township. Mrs. Tolle resides in Bentonville, Adams county, and was aged seventy-four years in 1893.

Judge I. N. Tolle, the subject of this mention, was reared at the place of his nativity and received his education in the schools of the neighborhood. He began school-teaching in 1862 and taught in Adams county until he was elected Probate Judge in the fall of 1881. He assumed the duties of the office in 1882 and was three times re-elected, his last term expiring February 9, 1894. He was the candidate of his party in the campaign of 1893, and failed of a re-election by but a few votes. He was married in Sprigg township, Adams county, on the 12th day of June, 1862, to Miss Ester Edgington, a native of Adams county, born in Sprigg township and a daughter of William and Mary (Payne) Edgington. Her father was born in Sprigg township, and was the son of William and Phoeba (Nolan) Edgington, who were from Virginia and came to Adams county in the latter part of the last century. The Edgingtons settled about Manchester and were there during the Indian times and figured prominently in the history af those days. They and the Ellisons were the first settlers of Manchester. Mrs. Harriet Payne, grandmother of Mrs. Esther Tolle, died in 1878, at the age of ninety-two years. The parents of Mrs. Tolle now live at Machester. Mr. and Mrs. Tolle have one child, Hallam V., who married Miss Mary Roebuck. They have two children, namely, Katie and Claude.

Judge Tolle is a member of the West Union Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., in which he has passed the chairs, and of Manchester Chapter, No. 129, R. A. M. He has also passed the chairs of the West Union Lodge, No. 570, I. O. O. F., and of the West Union Encampment, No 219. He is a stauch Democrat, and is recognized as one of the leaders of his party, not only in Adams county but in southern Ohio. He has been many times a delegate to State conventions and is now a member of the State central committee, in which relation he is now serving his second term. For five years prior to 1893 he was chairman of the central committee of Adams county. In many ways Judge Tolle has served the people of his native county, his first office having been that of Clerk of Spriggs township, which he held for five years. In 1872 he was appointed School Examiner, and served until he assumed the duties of the office of Probate Judge.

DR. JAMES M. WITTENMYER, the newly elected Auditor of Adams county, ranks as one of the foremost physicians and leading citizens of the community with which he has long been identified. He was born at Buford, Highland county, Ohio, December 1, 1848, a son of Daniel and Rebecca (Murphy) Wittenmyer. His grandfather, Daniel Wittenmyer, came from Pennsylvania to Ohio in an early day, locating near Jacksonville, Adams county, where he remained until death, as did also his wife. Her maiden name was Sarah Yaryen. Daniel Wittenmyer, Jr., was reared in this county, where he clerked in his father's mercantile store when a boy. After marriage he located at Buford, Highland county, and conducted a store there for many years. In 1867, he returned to Adams county, locating on a farm near Newport, but subsequently moved to Jacksonville, where both he and his wife still survive. Mrs. Wittenmyer was born in Highland county, near Newmarket, and is a daughter of Andrew and Mary (Chapman) Murphy.

Dr. J. M. Wittenmyer, the subject of this memoir, was educated in the common schools of Highland county. After the family located in this county he began teaching school, and followed that occupation six years. He began the study of medicine with Drs. John and James W. Bunn, of Jacksonville, and afterward entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, graduating at that institution in 1874. In partnership with Dr. John Bunn, Mr. Wittenmyer then began the practice of his profession at Jacksonville. In 1885 he removed to Peebles, and in the fall of 1893 was elected Auditor of Adams county, assuming the duties of the office in October, 1894. In political matters, the Doctor is an active Democrat, has been a delegate to several State and Congressional conventions, has served in the executive and central committees of his party, and for six years was Treasurer of Peebles. In addition to his other interests, Dr. Wittenmyer is a stockholder and vice-President of the Bank of Peebles, and is Treasurer of the Board of Pension Examiners.

December 10, 1885, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Graham, who was born in Adams county, near Dunkinsville, a daughter of John and Ann (Crawford) Graham. Mr. and Mrs. Wittenmyer have three children: James Graham, Daniel Leslie and John Edmund. In his social relations, the Doctor has passed all the

chairs in Jacksonville Lodge, No. 537, I. O. O. F.; is a member of Dart Encampment of West Union, of Peebles Lodge, K. of P., and is Past Master of Locust Grove Lodge, F. & A. M., which has been moved to Sinking Spring. He is also a member of the Adams County Medical Society.

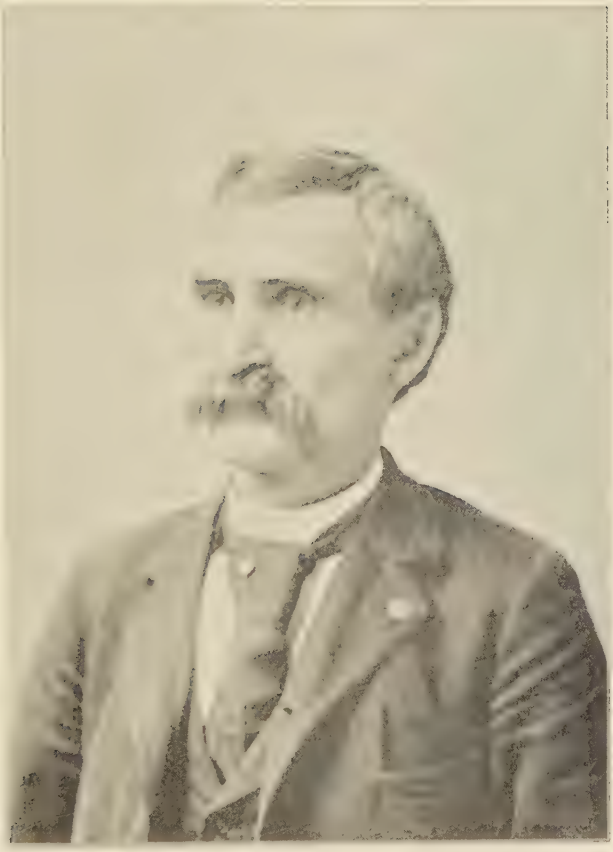
JOHN F. BROWN is one of the most popular and capable officials of Ross county, Ohio, and is one of the representative citizens of Chillicothe.

He is a native of this county, born at Clarksburg, March 19, 1843, a son of William L. Brown, who was born at St. Clairsville, Belmont county, this State. William Brown, the grandfather of John F., was a native of the State of Delaware, a descendant of English ancestry. His grandmother also was of English descent, whose father was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and lost a leg by a British cannon-ball while on board an American man-of-war. The grandparents referred to were early settlers of Ross county.

William L. Brown learned the saddlery trade with Dennis Blacker, of Frankfort, Ohio, and established himself in business at Clarksburg in 1836, and continued in trade until 1880, when he retired. He died March 9, 1892. His wife, whose maiden name was Keturah A. Brown, was a daughter of Thomas Brown, who emigrated from Maryland and was one of the pioneer farmers of Pickaway county, and while of the same family name they were not related by consanguinity. They had seven children, of whom five lived to years of maturity. Their mother died July 4, 1853, at the age of thirty-three years. They were both strict members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and strong in their opposition to African slavery. Mr. Brown was an ardent Democrat until the organization of the Republican party in 1856, and from that time supported the new party.

John F. Brown, the third-born, with a twin sister, attended the common schools in Clarksburg, and at the early age of twelve years began work in his father's shop, mastering the trade of saddler and harness-maker; but this quiet occupation was interrupted by the call for men to go out in defense of the Union in 1861. Although but a youth of eighteen years, he enlisted, in August, 1861, as a member of Company A, First Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered in at Camp Corwin, near Dayton, Ohio. He took part in the engagements at Shiloh, Stone River and Mission Ridge and in numerous skirmishes, and was honorably discharged at Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 15, 1864.

Returning to his home he resumed his former vocation. For sixteen years from 1872 he was Justice of the Peace at Clarksburg, resigning the office at the end of this period to accept the position of Recorder of Ross county. This office was tendered him by vote of the people in October, 1888, and he assumed the duties of the same January 6, 1889. He was re-elected to this position in November, 1891, his present term to expire in 1895, extended by law to the first Monday in September of that year. His daughter, Miss Lona M., has been his faithful and efficient deputy ever since his election to the office, and has proven herself quite capable of managing the business entrusted to her. Mr. Brown acts with the Republican party; his first vote for president of the United States was cast for Abraham



John F Brown

Lincoln, in October, 1864. He is a member of the G. A. R., Post No. 373, at Clarksburg, is one of the charter members of the organization, and was three times elected Commander of the post. He was also commissioned as aid-de-camp on the staff of the commander-in-chief, John Palmer, of New York, which term ended by the election of Palmer's successor at the National Encampment held at Washington, District of Columbia, in September, 1892. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity. Throughout his official career Mr. Brown has shown himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him, as he has dispatched the business in his care with admirable promptitude and rare judgment.

June 29, 1865, is the date of his marriage to Martha F. Templin, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and they have had four children, viz.: Lona May; Jessie Templin, who died at the age of eight years; Grace Elizabeth Keturah; and James Thaddeus. Mrs. Brown's father, James Templin, was also a soldier of the Seventy-third Ohio Infantry. Her mother was born of Scotch parents in Scotland: she was a first cousin of the noted Hon. William E. Gladstone, Premier of England.

William T. and James W. Brown, brothers of John F. Brown, were also soldiers in the late war. William T. lost his life in the battle of New Hope Church. He was a member of Company C, Seventy-third Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and James W., a member of Company E, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, was for a while confined in Libby prison, and died while a student at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, this State, in the year 1866.

JOHN M. HOLMAN, a prosperous and well-known farmer residing near Kingston, Ross county, Ohio, was born in Green township, this county, January 2, 1845. He is a son of Abraham Holman, a prominent and highly esteemed citizen of this township. On his father's farm John M. was reared, and in the district school he received his education, completing it with a commercial course at Oberlin College. He engaged in farming on his own responsibility about the time he reached his majority, and in 1881 he and his father purchased a fine tract of land, comprising 317 acres, near Kingston, upon which he has since resided. This farm is well watered by springs, and is one of the finest and most desirable tracts of land in this fertile valley. A substantial brick residence and other farm buildings are among its improvements.

Mr. Holman was married in 1883 to Miss Laura Rockwell, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Russell and Pheraby (Entriken) Rockwell. Her father was born in the East, came to Kingston, Ohio, when a young man, and was engaged in mercantile pursuits here up the time of his death, at the age of thirty-seven years. Her mother was a daughter of one of the early pioneers of Ohio, the Entrikens having settled in the Scioto valley as early as 1796. Mr. and Mrs. Rockwell had four daughters, two of whom, Mary and Laura, are living. The former is the widow of Fletcher Hurst, and lives in Kingston. After the death of Mr. Rockwell Mrs. Rockwell became the wife of Abraham Jones, who was born in Green township, this county, and who died here at the age of seventy-two years. This marriage resulted in the birth of one daughter, Anna, wife of Bishop Thoburn, who has been a missionary in India for nearly thirty-

five years. Mr. and Mrs. Holman have had two children, both of whom are deceased. Mrs. Holman is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Holman is a Republican, but is not an active politician.

ELIHU HOLDERMAN, one of the prominent and wealthy farmers of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, is eminently deserving of some personal mention in the history of his county; indeed, without more than a passing notice of him the history of this part of the country would be incomplete.

Elihu Holderman was born in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, April 25, 1820. David Holderman, his father, emigrated to Ohio at an early day and was one of the first settlers of Colerain township. Here he became the owner of a large tract of land, about 700 acres in extent, and carried on farming and stock-raising on a large scale. Few men in this vicinity were better known or more highly respected than he. He died at a ripe old age. His wife, Rebecca Holderman, also lived to an advanced age. They had a family of eight children, all of whom reached maturity, Elihu being the fourth born.

The subject of our sketch has all his life been identified with the township in which he now lives. He was reared on his father's farm and was educated in the log schoolhouse near his home. Farming and stock-raising have been his life occupations. At this writing he is the owner of about 600 acres of land, in different farms, and in all his farming operations he has uniformly met with success.

Mr. Holderman was married in 1845 to Miss Mary Karshner, a native of this county, and a representative of one of its pioneer families. She died in 1891, leaving two children, Susanna and Franklin. The former is the wife of Louis Cryder, a farmer of this township. Franklin married Miss Matilda Reid, and is also engaged in farming here.

Mr. Holderman is a man of well-poised intellect, and his whole life has been characterized by honest industry. His political views are in harmony with Republican principles.

MATTHEW MOORE, whose name is found on the list of successful farmers in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, forms the subject of this sketch.

Matthew Moore is a native of the Emerald Isle, of Scotch-Irish descent, born June 11, 1838, son of Samuel and Margy (Gloss) Moore, both natives of that same place. The Moore family emigrated to America in 1853, sailing from Londonderry, and landing in Philadelphia after an ocean voyage of seven weeks, during which time they experienced one very severe storm. From Philadelphia they came west to Ohio, and have since made their home in Ross county. Both parents are still living, the father at the age of ninety-four, the mother ninety-eight. Their lives have been blended in happy unison for over seventy-five years, and until recently both have enjoyed excellent health. They reared seven children, six of whom are still living. Both are worthy members of the Presbyterian Church, their lives being in perfect accord with the profession they make. Matthew Moore is the fourth born in their family. John, the eldest, came to America in 1850, three

years before the arrival of the rest of the family, and settled in Philadelphia. He is deceased.

For three years Matthew Moore attended night school in Philadelphia, and during the day worked in a woolen factory. After coming to Ohio he engaged in farming, and continued to live with his parents until a few years ago. For some time after coming here he worked out by the day and month. His parents purchased thirty-seven and a half acres of land in Colerain township in 1861, and this piece of land our subject cultivated until 1887, when he purchased his present farm, seventy-five acres, near Hallsville. Here he engaged in general farming and is meeting with uniform success.

Mr. Moore was married in 1882 to Miss Sallie Rouse, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Jane Rouse, her parents also being farmers. Mr. and Mrs. Moore have no children. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, Mr. Moore affiliates with the Democratic party, and has filled various local offices.

SAMUEL DRESBACH, deceased, was born on the old Dresbach homestead in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, in the year 1817. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and his education was received in the log schoolhouse near by. About the time he reached his majority he began farming for himself, and some time afterward he and his brother Henry purchased the old home place and farmed together for several years. They subsequently divided the farm, Samuel taking the part that lies north of the turnpike.

July 27, 1851, Mr. Dresbach married Hannah Ranck, a native of Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, daughter of Louis and Sarah (Wolf) Ranck, both natives of Pennsylvania. The Ranck family emigrated to Ohio in May, 1833, making the journey hither by wagon and settling in Ross county. Her father and mother both died at a ripe old age. They were people of high respectability, and were consistent members of the United Brethren Church. Six of their nine children are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Dresbach became the parents of thirteen children, of whom we make record as follows: Infant daughter and Martin, deceased; William H., married and settled in Green township, this county; Josiah, married and living in Colerain township; Sarah A., wife of Francis Reicheldeffer, Pickaway county, Ohio; Lewis, married and living in Reno county, Kansas; Florella, wife of Lewis Leist, a farmer of Pickaway county; John, married and settled on a farm in Colerain township; Nelson, a member of the home circle; Clayton, deceased; Jane, wife of Samuel W. Bell, a farmer of Pickaway county; Susan, at home; and Ulysess S. G. also at home.

Mr. Dresbach spent nearly the whole of his life on the farm above referred to, where he died February 15, 1874. He was a man of untiring energy and of sound judgment, and as a consequence his farming operations were characterized by success. From time to time he had made additional land purchases until at the time of his death he was the owner of five farms altogether comprising about 828 acres, nearly all of which he had made himself. After his death the family added to this tract another farm of 143 acres. Since then the land has all been divided, Mrs. Dresbach

and the two youngest children, Susan and Ulysess S. G., retaining the old homestead, on which she still lives. Mrs. Dresbach is a woman of many estimable qualities and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. One of her daughters, Mrs. Jane Bell, is an artist of some note.

HENRY J. THOMAS, Auditor of Adams county, and one of its representative citizens, was born in Ross county, Ohio, within five miles of Chillicothe, November 11, 1841, a son of Michael and Lydia Ann (Jenkins) Thomas. His grandfather, Michael Thomas, Sr., came to Ohio with the early pioneers, locating first at Manchester, and from there proceeded to the present site of Chillicothe, where he became the owner of a tract of land. In connection with a Mr. Massic, he assisted in laying out the town of Chillicothe, and surveying land in that neighborhood. Mr. Thomas resided at the place where our subject was born from young manhood until his death, which occurred about 1845, in his eighty-seventh year. He followed farming during the latter portion of his life. In his youth he was a well known Indian scout, having served in that capacity under General Anthony Wayne. While residing in Kentucky and Ohio he was, like most pioneers, a hunter, although he afterward engaged in other occupations. Mrs. Thomas, who was also a member of one of the early families, departed this life one year before her husband's death.

Their son, Michael Thomas, the father of our subject, was born on the old homestead, five miles from Chillicothe, where he was reared to farm life. He moved with his family to the vicinity of Bentonville in the spring of 1858, and resided there until his death, about 1883, at the age of seventy-four years. His wife was born in Adams county, near Sinking Springs, and was a daughter of Alexis and Lydia Jenkins. Her father was one of the first settlers of that vicinity. He came from Harper's Ferry, where he had worked in the Government arsenal. After coming to this State he owned and farmed a large tract of land, but in 1859 removed to Bentonville, where he died about 1860. His wife survived him only about two years. Mrs. Michael Thomas now resides with our subject at West Union, and is seventy-one years of age.

Henry J. Thomas was reared to the age of seven years near Chillicothe, Ohio, and removed with his father to Adams county in 1858, and has been a resident of Adams county ever since. He followed agricultural pursuits until the fall of 1887, and was then elected Auditor of Adams county, assuming the duties of the office in 1888. He is now completing his second term. He was elected President of the Farmers' Bank of Manchester, in February, 1894.

Mr. Thomas is an active Democrat, and has served several times as delegate to State conventions. In his social relations, he is a member of West Union Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M., and of Manchester Chapter, No. 129, R. A. M. He is also a veteran of the Civil war, having enlisted in 1863, in Company E, Fourth Ohio Cavalry, in which he served as Corporal. He was mustered out of service in the spring of 1864, but later re-enlisted in Company I, One Hundred and Eighty-second Ohio Infantry, in which he served as Orderly Sergeant until the close of hostilities. Mr. Thomas is a member of McPherson Post, G. A. R., of West Union.

January 24, 1868, he was united in marriage with Miss Lizzie Ellis, who was born near Bentonville, Adams county, a daughter of Jeremiah and Catherine Ellis. Her mother, deceased in 1891, was a daughter of Jacob Lawrence, a pioneer settler of Ohio. Her father was born on Eagle creek, Brown county, and now resides on the old home farm, near Bentonville. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have six children living, viz.: M. J., Nettie B. (wife of R. A. Stevenson, of Covington), Henry E., Ida Estelle, John C. and Frank B.

WILLIAM J. PARRETT, one of the most enterprising and progressive agriculturists of Buckskin township, was born in Ross county Ohio, May 2, 1842. His father, Joseph F. Parrett, was a native of Rockingham county, Virginia, and was born near Woodstock, September 26, 1791. The paternal grandfather, Frederick Parrett, also a Virginian, emigrated to Ohio with his family in 1814, and settled in Buckskin township, Ross county, where he cleared a large tract of land. He also kept a tavern for many years. He died May 10, 1842, nearly fourscore years of age. Joseph F. Parrett was the fourth of a family of thirteen children, all of whom are now deceased. He was twice married, the first union being with Sarah Hass, of Virginia, just before he started to Ohio in 1814. He settled on land near his father and resided upon this farm until 1846, when he removed to the place now occupied by his son William J. At the time of his death, February 17, 1869, he owned about 1,000 acres of land. There were ten children of the first marriage, four of whom are living. The second wife, whose maiden name was Molenia Cailey, was born near Danville, Highland county, Ohio. She died April 20, 1886, the mother of a family of six children, all of whom survive. The father was a member of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He was very successful in business, and left a handsome estate to his children. William J. Parrett is the fourth of the family of the second wife. He was reared to the life of a farmer and acquired his education in the common schools and at the South Salem Academy.

When there was a call for men to go out to defend the "stars and stripes" he responded, enlisting August 8, 1862, in Company I, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. The first engagement of importance in which he participated was at Sugar Valley, and was at Atlanta July 22 and 28, 1864. He was wounded on the skirmish line August 9, 1864, in front of Atlanta, receiving a shot in the left leg; he was disabled for field service, but as he was a good penman he was given a large amount of clerical work to do. He came home on a furlough and was mustered out at Camp Denison Ohio, May 19, 1865, a non-commissioned officer. His health was somewhat broken but he resumed his old pursuit of agriculture on the homestead, and now carries on farming upon an extensive scale. He has 200 acres of fine land, well improved with substantial buildings, etc. He is one of the leading breeders of shorthorn cattle in Ross county, and has been very successful in placing his stock upon the market.

Mr. Parrett was united in marriage October 15, 1867, to Miss A. E. Galloway, who was born in Greene county, Ohio, at Xenia, a daughter of J. C. and Mary A. Galloway. Her parents were also natives of

Greene county, Ohio; the father survives, but the mother died in September, 1892. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett are the parents of four children: Cora A., deceased, Carrie D., Clark Sherman and Ora B., deceased. The surviving son and daughter are students in the university at Wooster, Ohio, having finished the course in the South Salem Academy. Mr. Parrett is a stanch Republican and takes an active part in local politics, though he is not an aspirant to public office. He belongs to the G. A. R., being Post Commander of J. C. Irwin Post, No. 669, and has served as a delegate to the various State encampments. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Parrett is a graduate of the Female College at Xenia, Ohio. In his business career Mr. Parrett has employed only the most correct methods, and has won success through honorable dealings.

ARCHIBALD PANCAKE, who has been for many years a conspicuous figure in the history of Ross county, Ohio, is the subject of the following biographical sketch: He is a native of the county in which he has always lived, born in Concord township, March 7, 1821, a son of Captain Isaac Pancake, a native of Virginia. The father was engaged in various commercial enterprises, and as he was a man of more than ordinary education he did considerable conveyancing and writing of legal documents. During the war of 1812 he was a Captain in the service of his country. He died at the age of eighty-seven years, having for sixty-five years been a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. His wife, whose maiden name was Susan Daily, was born and reared in Kentucky. Her mother was a sister of John Champ, one of General George Washington's guards. Mrs. Pancake accompanied her family to Ohio, at an early day, and there passed the remainder of her life, dying at the age of sixty-eight years, having been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church from her sixteenth year. The paternal great-grandfather of our subject, John Pancake, was one of the pioneers of Ohio, coming here from Hampshire county, Virginia. He was one of the largest dealers in live-stock, driving many herds of cattle to Baltimore; his eldest son was the grandfather of Archibald Pancake, who in turn is the eldest child in a family of four sons and three daughters. He was born under the protecting shelter of a primitive log house, and as he grew to manhood was inured to the heavy labor of the frontier farm. His opportunities for acquring an education were necessarily limited, but in 1847 he became a clerk in a store in Frankfort. During the previous year he had ridden all over the country, buying live-stock and wool, making many friends and winning the confidence of all with whom he had dealings. He purchased the store in which he gained his first mercantile experience, and in 1850 disposed of his interests in this line, and purchased the farm which he now occupies. The original tract consisted of 100 acres, for which he paid at the rate of $20 an acre. He has added to this from time to time until he now has 300 acres in a high state of cultivation. He carries on a general farming business, and has met with more than ordinary success.

Mr. Pancake was married in 1848 to Miss Sadie Mallow, daughter of Captain Henry Mallow, one of the early settlers of this section and an officer in the war of

1812. His father was captured by the Indians in Virginia at the age of six years, and was held a prisoner six years, when he made his escape. In later life he came to Ohio and was a land owner in Concord township, where he lived to an advanced age. Captain Mallow died at the age of sixty-eight years. His wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Hopejoy, lived to the age of eighty-three years; they were the parents of six children, three of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Pancake have had nine children, only four of whom survive: Henry M., Isaac, Arthur and Sadie F. The family are all members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Pancake has never taken an active interest in politics, although he votes with the Democratic party. He is a man of good business ability, and has won the respect and confidence of a wide circle of acquaintances.

JOHN BAUM, a prosperous and wealthy farmer of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, was born in Madison township, Pickaway county, this State, August 1, 1827.

His father, Christian Baum, was born in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, and died in Pickaway county, Ohio, in the year 1863; his mother, whose maiden name was Sarah Shook, was also a native of Pennsylvania, and she, too, died in Pickaway county, Ohio. They had a family of seven children, whom they named Joseph, George, Lewis, Elizabeth, John, Mary and Jacob.

John Baum was reared to manhood in his native county, early in life being inured to hard work on his father's farm. He continued to live with his parents until 1851, when he came to Ross county and settled in Twin township, where his life has since been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He is now the owner of a tract of land that comprises nearly 400 acres, has erected a nice set of buildings thereon, and in connection with his farming operations has given special attention to raising fruit.

Mr. Baum was married in the township in which he now lives, February 22, 1855, to Miss Isabel Camelin, who was born here in November, 1826, daughter of the late John Camelin, who was one of the earliest settlers of Ross county, and who lived to the advanced age of ninety years. They have five children living, namely: John L., Thomas N., Albert E., Jacob R. and Bertha J. John L. married Miss Effie Brown, who died in Twin township, this county, July 16, 1891. Jacob R. married Miss Maggie Carr.

JACOB C. GRUBB, a successful farmer of Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio, is a son of Joseph and Emma (Claypool) Grubb, the former a native of Baltimore, Maryland, and the latter of Hardy county, Virginia. After marriage the parents located in Fairfield county, Ohio, where the mother died in 1832, and the father in August, 1862.

Jacob C. Grubb, the eldest of three children, was born in Lancaster, Ohio, June 21, 1821, and remained in his native place until fifteen years of age. From 1838 until 1841 he resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, in the latter year returned to Fairfield county, soon afterward went to Little Rock, Arkansas, two years later again returned to Fairfield county, from 1849 to 1863 was engaged in agricultural pursuits, and then settled on the farm where he now lives, in

Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio. Farming and stock-raising have been Mr. Grubb's chief occupation through life; his place contains good buildings, and he is now recognized as one of the successful men of Ross county.

Our subject was married in this township, January 1, 1850, to Miss Sarah J. Caldwell, who was born here February 17, 1832, the second of four children born to Smiley and Ann E. (Rittenour) Caldwell, natives of Virginia, but pioneer settlers of Jefferson township, Ross county. They both died at this place. Mr. and Mrs. Grubb have one daughter, Emma E., now the wife of Zimaroy F. Downs. They have three children: Edna, Mabel and Hazel. Mr. Grubb has never sought public preferment, and is liberal in his religious views.

JUDGE FERNANDO CORTES SEARL, one of the most prominent pioneers of Scioto county and a leading member of the bar, is a native of Ohio, born in Vernon township, Scioto county, July 18, 1825.

His father was Nathaniel Searl, a native of Vermont, born in 1787, a son of Reuben Searl, who was a New Englander by birth, of Swedish ancestry. The grandfather removed to western New York, whence he came to Ohio, locating in Greene county at an early day; his wife died before the journey was accomplished, and he did not survive long thereafter. In 1813 Nathaniel Searl moved to Ohio, coming on a raft *via* the Allegheny and Ohio rivers. He settled in Portsmouth, where he remained for two years and then removed to Green township; two years later he located in Vernon township, where he pre-empted Government land. He was unable to pay for this and surrendered it, afterward purchasing forty acres on Pine creek, where he cleared a farm, and where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1855, at the age of sixty-seven years. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca White, was a native of Vermont; she was the mother of seven children, and lived to the age of seventy-three years. She was a member of the United Brethren Church and a most worthy woman.

Judge Searl was reared in Vernon township, and was a pupil in the primitive log school-house with its puncheon floor and slab seats. His best instruction was received in his own home, and at the age of sixteen years he took upon himself the duties of a teacher. For many years he was identified with the educational interests of this community in the capacity of instructor, and in 1855 removed to Webster, Bloom township, where he began to read law in addition to his duties as a teacher. He came to Portsmouth in 1858, and was appointed Deputy Sheriff, a position he held for two years. He was elected Justice of the Peace, and in 1860 was elected Probate Judge, an office he filled for a period of nine years, winning the highest respect of all the profession in Scioto county. He had been admitted to the bar in 1860, and since leaving the office of Probate Judge has been continuously engaged in practice.

Judge Searl was first married in 1844 to Julia Schoonover, a native of Pike county, Ohio, and they reared four children: Minta, Ellen, Alphonso and Mary. The mother died in 1876, and in 1878 the Judge was married to Caroline Shoemaker, and they are the parents of four children: Miranda C., Bertha D., Beecher and Katie.

The Judge owns a tract of 1,000 acres

of land above Wheelersburg, where he makes his home. The place is under the supervision of a manager, and a general agricultural business is carried on, with exceptionally good results. In politics our worthy subject votes with the Republican party. He has witnessed the development of the county into fine farming lands, has given encouragement and aid to many enterprises that have been of public benefit, and has in every way discharged his duty as a loyal citizen of the commonwealth.

D. C. ANDERSON, president of the Merchants and Farmers' Bank, Frankfort, Ohio, is a prominent and self-made man and is identified with the various interests of this place.

He was born in Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, October 10, 1824, son of Samuel Anderson, a native of South Carolina, born May 17, 1780. William Anderson, his grandfather, was also a native of South Carolina, but beyond him nothing is known of the family history. This William Anderson was probably a farmer. He came to Ohio at an early day, and after remaining here about five years returned to his native State, where he died at an advanced age. He had a family of eight children, Samuel being the third born. Samuel Anderson emigrated to Ohio about the year 1804 and located in Concord township, Ross county, where he purchased some land, his cabin being among the first in the pioneer settlement. In the spring of 1824 his first rude cabin gave place to a hewed-log house, which is still standing. He spent many years of toil on this place, clearing and improving, and died here August 30, 1830. He was one of the charter members of the Concord Presbyterian Church in this township, and for a number of years served as an Elder in the church. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. November 20, 1806, he married Miss Elizabeth Edmiston, a native of Paris, Kentucky, her family having emigrated to Ohio and settled in Ross county the year before Mr. Anderson arrived here. At the time of her death she lacked only four months of being ninety years old. For more than seventy years she was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

D. C. Anderson and a twin sister were the last born in a family of seven children, and he is the only one of that number who is now living. He was six years old when his father died. His mother still continued on the old farm and he remained with her until he reached his majority, helping to cultivate the farm until he was twenty. His education was received in one of the primitive log school-houses, located two miles from his home, and this distance he had to walk every night and morning. When he was twenty he came to Frankfort and secured a position as clerk in a dry-goods store, continuing thus employed a little over three years. At the end of this time he purchased an interest in the firm by which he had been employed, and continued to do business with them three years longer. Then he embarked in business for himself, soon became a prosperous merchant, and for over thirty years he conducted a dry-goods establishment. In 1876 he, with others, organized the Merchants and Farmers' Bank of Frankfort, of which he was made president, and this relation he has since sustained. Two years after the organization of the bank he dis-

posed of his stock of dry-goods, having since given his attention to other interests.

During the war Mr. Anderson enlisted May 2, 1864, and was mustered out of service September 1, of that same year. He entered the service as Regimental Quartermaster of the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but acted as Brigade Quartermaster on General Kinley's staff most of the time. He is a member of C. W. McNeill Post, No. 645, G. A. R., being Chaplain of the same. Ever since the organization of the Republican party he has been a prominent and active worker in its ranks. Frequently he has served as delegate to district and State conventions, and in 1872 he was the Republican nominee for State Representative, but was defeated by a Democratic tidal wave that swept over the Buckeye State that year.

Mr. Anderson was married in February, 1851, to Miss Sarah A. Tulleys, a native of Frankfort, Ohio. They have had three children: Laura, wife of John R. Entriken, of Kingston, Ohio; Clara R., wife of Rev. J. O. Pierce, a Presbyterian minister of Columbus, Ohio; and Sadie, who died in 1871. Mrs. Entriken and Mrs. Pierce were educated at the Oxford Female Seminary, and both are accomplished women.

While Mr. Anderson is eminently a self-made man and has risen to a position of importance in both business and political circles, it is in church work that he is best known and has been most useful. He helped to organize the Presbyterian Church in Frankfort, and he and three others are now the only ones left of the nine original members who laid the foundation of the church here. He has been a teacher in the Sunday-school since 1851, and for about twenty years during that period served as superintendent. It is difficult to estimate the influence this good man has exerted.

J. W. LASH, A. M., M. D., one of the representative members of the medical profession at Chillicothe, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born near Athens, Athens county, in 1812, a son of Abraham Lash, who also was born in Athens county, and a grandson of William Lash, who was a native of Pennsylvania. The grandfather removed from the Keystone State to Ohio in a very early day and was one of the pioneers of Athens county; he was a soldier in the war of 1812. He died in the prime of life, having been stricken with yellow fever when that dread disease swept this country as an epidemic.

Jacob Lash, the great-grandfather, emigrated to America from Germany about the middle of the eighteenth century. He took part in both the wars of the Revolution and that of 1812. There is now in the possession of the family a powder-horn which was carried by an uncle during the seven years of the war of the Revolution, with the date of 1775 upon it.

Abraham Lash was reared amidst the rude environments of the frontier, and had only such educational advantages as were afforded by the primitive pioneer schools of Athens county. He assisted his father on the farm and became thoroughly familiar with every detail of the onerous labor entailed in clearing the sylvan wilds and preparing the land for cultivation. He has always devoted his energies to husbandry, and is still a resident of Athens county. He married Isabelle McKinstry, a native of Athens county and a daughter of John and

J. W. Lasher, A. M., M. D.

Elizabeth (Brooks) McKinstry, the former of whom was a well-known farmer of Athens county; he was of Scotch-Irish descent, his father, Robert McKinstry, having emigrated to America from Carrickfergus, Ulster county, Ireland, about 1785. The maternal grandfather, John Price, was a native of Maryland, and was an active participant in the war of 1812. To Abraham and Isabelle Lash six children were born; the mother still survives, a companion to her husband in his declining years even as she was in the time when his days were filled with "ceaseless toil and endeavor."

Dr. Lash is the eldest of the six children; he began to con his first lessons in the little district schoolhouse in his native county, and soon developed those traits of perseverance and industry which have ever since been characteristic of his efforts. In 1875 he graduated at the Ohio State University, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts; three years later the degree of Master of Arts was conferred upon him by his *alma mater*.

He began his professional studies in 1875, at Columbus, and in 1878 completed the course prescribed in the Columbus Medical College. During one year he was engaged in practice in the hospital for the insane at Athens, and after this valuable experience he came to Chillicothe, where he has since resided, devoting himself to the general practice of his profession. He has a representative clientage, his practice ramifying throughout a wide radius of country contiguous to Chillicothe. His success in the treatment of all classes of cases has been most gratifying and he has gained an unmistakable prestige both as a physician and a citizen. The Doctor is a member of the Ross County Medical Society, of the Ohio State Medical Society, of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Medicine. He is a subscriber to the leading medical and scientific journals published in this country, and is fully abreast of the times. A close student of the science of medicine, and a keen observer, he has acquired great skill in the diagnosis of disease.

In July, 1893, he was appointed Pension Examiner for Ross county, Ohio, and upon the meeting of the Board of Examiners he was elected President of that body. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery, of Chillicothe, and is a Knight of Pythias, a member of the Odd Fellows order and of the order of Elks. Dr. Lash is not married.

JAMES H. CONNOR, Postmaster of West Union, and one of the leading citizens in the county in which he resides, was born in Sprigg township, December 27, 1842, being the son of James and Margaret (Boyles) Connor. His grandfather, Peter Connor, was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, and came to America in 1786, locating first in North Carolina, thence removing to Kentucky, and from there to Ohio, settling in 1797 in Adams county, on the farm in Sprigg township on which our subject and his father were born. He was one of the oldest pioneers of this region and resided at his place of first settlement until his death in 1827. His widow removed to Illinois in 1830, with all the family except our subject's father, and settled in Fulton county, where she died about 1860. The father of our subject was born and reared in Adams county and still resides

there, being ninety-two years of age in 1893. The mother of Mr. Connor was born in Virginia. Her parents, Thomas and Anna Boyles, who were Marylanders, came to this county in 1818, where they died. Mrs. Connor died in 1885, aged seventy-eight years.

James H. Connor, subject of this mention, was reared in Sprigg township until his thirtieth year, receiving his education in the common schools, and followed farming in his early life. When thirty years of age he removed to Manchester and began clerking in the store of W. L. Vance, with whom he remained two years, after which he was elected Treasurer of Adams county and served two terms in that capacity. In 1881 he began merchandising as a member of the firm of Connor & Boyles, in connection with his present partner, James M. Boyles.

Mr. Connor was married July 22, 1868, to Miss Jennie Frame, a native of Sprigg township, Adams county, and a daughter of James and Nancy Maddox Frame. Her people were among the early settlers of this region, her father having been a native of Brown county and her mother of Adams county. Three children have been born in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Connor, as follows: W. A., Katy and Charles Ellison, the latter of whom is deceased.

Mr. Connor is a member of West Union Lodge, F. & A. M., and belongs to the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias and Royal Arcanum. Politically, he belongs to the Democratic party. Has served a number of years on the Democratic executive committee of Adams county, and now acts in that capacity. He has also been a delegate to State and Congressional conventions, and has held several local offices; however, he gives his attention principally to his business. He has been Postmaster of West Union since August 2, 1893.

HENRY SCOTT, a respected citizen of West Union and a leading law practitioner of Adams county, was born in Greene township, this county, on March 6, 1838, and is the son of John and Susannah (McGary) Scott. His grandfather, James Scott, who was from western Pennsylvania, was the original settler in Adams county from this family line, having come here in 1812. For his wife he married Agnes Young, who was also born in Pennsylvania. They located first in Greene township, just mentioned, but finally removed to Jefferson township, where Mr. Scott died of cholera in 1852.

The father of our subject was about nine months old when the family came to Adams county, and was the oldest of the children. He learned the trade of blacksmith and followed that occupation in connection with his farming. He died August 3, 1882, in Jefferson township, Adams county, Ohio. The mother of our subject was born in West Union, January 20, 1814, and was the daughter of Henry and Sarah McGary. She is now a resident of West Union.

Henry Scott, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Jefferson township and removed to West Union in 1872. When twenty years of age he began teaching school, and followed that occupation until 1872, when he was elected Treasurer of Adams county, which office he held two terms, or four years in all. He served many years as Justice of the Peace in Jefferson township, and during that time had been a close law student. He studied with Judge

Bayliss in West Union, and was admitted to practice in the District Court in 1878. He formed a business association with Judge Bayliss, which continued seven years, but since that time he has practiced alone.

Mr. Scott was married in Jefferson township, March 24, 1861, to Miss Harriet Shively, a native of Green township, Adams county, and a daughter of James and Mary (Westbrook) Shively, both of whom were natives of Adams county and came of an old and well-known family.

Mr. Scott is a member of West Union Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M. Politically he is a stanch Democrat, and has served on the executive committee, of which he was for several years chairman. His official record in Adams county comprises fifteen years' service as Justice of the Peace, nine years as Township Clerk, six years as Treasurer of Tiffin township and four years as County Treasurer.

STRANDER JAMES is one of the prominent farmers and stock dealers of Ross county, Ohio, his residence being located near Austin, in Concord township. Mr. James has been shipping hogs and cattle for thirty years, and has all his life been identified with the interests of this place. It is therefore appropriate that record be made of him in this work.

Strander James was born in Frankfort, Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, May 16, 1830, son of Reuben James, a native of Delaware. Grandfather James was a sea captain, but aside from this fact little is known of him. It was in the fall of 1828 that Reuben James and his wife and three children emigrated from Delaware to Ohio, coming all the way with a wagon and three horses. Upon his arrival in Ross county he located in Concord township, and for two years he kept hotel at Wright Town, since known as Greenland. After that he farmed for two years. He then moved to Buckskin, where he kept the hotel, known as the Parrot Stand, four years. At the end of that time he bought 266 acres of land in Buckskin township, on which he spent the rest of his life and where he died in 1877, aged seventy-six years. He came to Ohio without any means whatever; his earnest efforts here were crowned with success, and at the time of his death his estate comprised some 600 acres of land. He and his wife were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were devoted Christian people. Her maiden name was Mary Shofstaw. She was born and reared near Martinsburg, Virginia, and died in Ohio in 1859, aged forty-eight years. They had nine sons and four daughters, of whom Strander was the fourth born and is one of the four sons and two daughters who are still living.

Strander James was reared on his father's farm and his early life was not unlike that of other farmer boys. June 29, 1852, he married Miss Rebecca, daughter of Jacob and Eve (Mollon) Bush. Both her parents were natives of this township, her father, born August 18, 1804, and her mother November 10, 1810. Her grandfather, John Bush, emigrated from Virginia to this State at an early day, being one of the earliest settlers in Concord township. He built the first mill in the township, and his brick residence, which he built some years after he had lived in a log cabin, was one of the first brick houses in the township. At the time of his death he was past ninety years old. He was married three times and his

family of children numbered thirteen. Mrs. James' father lived and died on the farm on which Mr. and Mrs. James now reside, his death occurring September 22, 1871, and his wife's May 18, 1882. They had ten children, six of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. James have had nine children, whose names in order of birth are as follows: Allen, Milton, Belle, Elizabeth, Clara, Reuben, Charles, Nannie and Madie. All are living except Allen, Reuben and Madie. Mr. James and his wife belong to the Methodist Church, in which he is serving as Steward.

GENERAL JAMES TAYLOR WORTHINGTON, deceased, was born two miles northwest of Chillicothe, Ohio, May 31, 1802, a son of Thomas Worthington, who settled in Ross county, Ohio, in the spring of 1796. The father was Governor of the State of Ohio from 1814 to 1816, and was a member of the United States Senate two terms. In 1798 he began the erection of a stone residence, which he completed in 1807; at that time this structure was the handsomest private residence in the State. He died June 20, 1827, aged fifty-four years.

James Taylor Worthington was the third of a family of fourteen children. He passed his boyhood in the place of his birth, and at the age of sixteen years entered the Military Academy at West Point, where he devoted two years to the study of civil engineering and surveying. At the end of this period he surrendered his place in the academy to his brother and became a surveyor of public lands in Ohio and Indiana. He had scarcely attained the age of twenty-one years when he went to Europe, making a tour of Great Britain and the continent on foot. In France his singularly striking resemblance to Napoleon caused constant remark, and in Paris he was frequently followed and surrounded by people who noted the great likeness he bore to the emperor. Letters of introduction procured him by his father gave him access to the great men of Europe, rendering the trip exceptionally beneficial. Not long after his return to this country the death of his father threw the responsibility of managing the estate upon him. The property was very much involved, and years of his life were given to ridding it of heavy incumbrances. Through his wise management a handsome fortune was finally secured to each member of the family.

General Worthington was a man of remarkable personal dignity; above petty conventionalities, he recognized true merit regardless of its lodging-place, and met and mingled with every class of humanity with a grace and kindliness that belong only to Nature's noblemen. He was a man of fine physique, and as age marked his many admirable traits of character and deepened the strength of their expression, he was noted as a rare type of manly beauty. He was much interested in the political events of his time, and gave his sturdy sons to battle for the perpetuity of the Union.

He was twice married: First to Miss Julia Galloway, who bore a family of eight children, two of whom survive, Richard and Julia McDonald; the mother died in 1856, and the General afterward married Mrs. Martha Reed, widow of Hon. Nathaniel Reed, one of Ohio's most celebrated Supreme Judges, whose dissenting opinions are to-day largely the law of Ohio. Mrs. Worthington was born in Cincinnati, Ohio,

and now resides on the old homestead, which is managed under her supervision.

Gen. Worthington passed from this life to the "unknown country" August 11, 1881, in the eightieth year of his age. In politics he was a Republican. He wrote several articles upon the question of finance, and often contributed papers to the leading journals of the day. Although not a member of church, his was essentially a deeply religious nature, and when the "Pale Visitant" was admitted it was to bear into the presence of its Maker a soul whose progress toward perfection could only be measured by Him who knoweth all things.

ISAAC FREE is ranked with the prosperous farmers of Paxton township, Ross county, Ohio.

His father, the late George Free, was a son of Frederick Free, a native of Pennsylvania. Frederick Free emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ross county, Ohio, at an early day and settled in Buckskin township. He died in Paint township, this county, to which place he had moved in 1824. George Free, also a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ross county, Ohio, with his father, and he, too, died in Paint township, his death occurring about 1872. He married in Pennsylvania a Miss Hannah Free, of that State, and upon their coming to Ohio they first settled in Buckskin township, and subsequently removed to Paint township, where, a few years later, the mother died, her death occurring in 1835. Of her eight children the subject of our sketch was the fifth born.

Isaac Free first saw the light of day in Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, in the year 1825, and in Paint township he was reared on his father's farm. The whole of his life has been spent in this county, with the exception of two years when he was in Iowa, and he has never been engaged in any other occupation than that of farming and stock-raising. His farm comprises 313 acres of land, which is well improved with good buildings, fences, etc.

Mr. Free was married January 5, 1857, to Miss Nancy E. Ogle, who was born April 23, 1838, daughter of the late Joseph Ogle. Mr. and Mrs. Free are the parents of ten children: Charles, Julia, Joseph, Lina, Lizzie, George, John, Ella, Alfred and Martha. Mrs. Free departed this life at her home in Paxton township, October 1, 1891. The Frees are Methodists.

IRA P. HEATH, a farmer of Richmond Dale, Ross county, was born in Jefferson township, this county, August 7, 1821, a son of Ambrose Heath, who came from New Jersey to Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio, in an early day. He died there July 23, 1829. Ira P. was reared to manhood in Jefferson township, and was engaged in tanning until 1883, since which time he has given his entire attention to farming. He now owns 285 acres of good agricultural land.

Mr. Heath was married in Richmond Dale, June 28, 1843, to Miss Emeline Hixson, who was born in this city June 20, 1826. They have had seven children, namely: James H., who married Isabella Tope; Mary, who died with lockjaw March 23, 1858, at the age of ten years; Granville H., who died November 14, 1878, at the age of twenty-eight years; Ambrose D., who was married February 21, 1885, to Josephine Davis, and they have three children, Her-

bert H., Robert E. and Essie B.; Charles H., who married Mary Schofield, and died at Geneva, Nebraska, November 19, 1888; Julia A., deceased July 27, 1876, at the age of seventeen years, and Thomas M., who married Jennie Counts, and they have four children, — Blanche, Carl, James and Wheeler.

Mr. Heath is identified with the Republican party, has been an active worker in political matters, and has held the offices of Township Treasurer and Trustee.

JOHN M. WARNER, the efficient superintendent of the Ross County Infirmary, has been at the head of that institution during the past nine years, and in that time has demonstrated his superior fitness for the position. Ably assisted by his capable wife, he has placed the infirmary in the front rank of public benefactions and has won an enviable reputation throughout the State. He is a native of Ohio, born in Union township, Ross county, February 10, 1846. His father is Abner Warner, who was born in 1821 on the farm which he now occupies in Union township. The paternal grandfather was Levi Warner, a Pennsylvanian by birth. At the age of twenty years he went to Wilmington, Delaware, where he was connected with the United States custom-house for a long period of time. Very early in the present century he came to Ohio, making the journey on horseback, and located in Ross county. He was a member of the Society of Friends, and was a man of the strictest integrity. Abner Warner has always followed his occupation of farming. From 1847 until 1877 he was largely engaged in the live-stock business, and in earlier times drove cattle across the mountains to the Eastern markets. He married Eleanor Anderson, a daughter of John Anderson, who was a Virginian. Mrs. Warner was born in Ross county, Ohio. John M. is the eldest of a family of six children. He received his education in the district schools and afterward spent a year in the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware.

At the age of twenty-two years he began an independent career, engaging in contracting for and building turnpikes in Ross county. He continued this business two years and then turned his attention to agricultural pursuits. From this he naturally drifted into buying and shipping live-stock, which business he conducted eight years. In 1885 he was appointed superintendent of the Ross County Infirmary, and under his management the expenses have been reduced between six and seven thousand dollars per annum. The farm comprises 371 acres of choice Scioto valley land, all of which is in an advanced state of cultivation.

Mr. Warner was united in marriage in 1870 to Miss Mary Morrison, of Ross county, a daughter of Jacob Morrison, a native of Pennsylvania. Mr. Morrison was one of the pioneers of Ross county, and died here in August, 1891. In politics Mr. Warner acts with the Republican party. He is a member of the Order of Elks, and in this association as well as all others he has the confidence and respect of all with whom he mingles.

DR. JAMES S. BERRY, one of the prominent physicians and foremost citizens of Adams county, was born in Highland county, Ohio, a son of John and Mary E. (Stewart) Berry, near

Sugar Tree Ridge, on the 26th day of April, 1844. His grandfather, Thomas Berry, was a Virginian by birth, and lived for a time in Baltimore, Maryland. However, he removed again to Virginia, and later came to Highland county, Ohio, and located near Greenfield. He afterward removed to Delaware county, Indiana, where he died, at the age of eighty-eight years. The father of Dr. Berry was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1816, went with the family on their return to Virginia, and removed with them to Highland county, Ohio, where he learned the trade of tanner and currier at Leesburg. He is now a resident of Lynchburg, Highland county. The mother of our subject was born in Leesburg, Highland county, Ohio, and was the daughter of James and Phoebe (Cox) Stewart, who were early settlers in the vicinity of Chillicothe; she died in 1873, aged fifty-one years. Her mother married a man named Hinton and went with him to Indiana at an early day. The Indians killed Mr. Hinton, and she took the two children and with them returned on horseback to Highland county, this State.

Dr. James S. Berry, the subject of this sketch, was the second in order of age of eight children. He was educated in the common and select schools of Highland county, and began the study of medicine with Dr. Henry Whistler, of New Market, Ohio. He attended the Starling Medical College during the seasons of 1868–9 and in 1869–70, and graduated in March, 1870. He began practice at Locust Grove, Adams county, where he maintained his office for eighteen years. He then came to Peebles and formed a partnership with Dr. Wittenmeyer, which continued until October, 1893. He is now associated with Dr. G. F. Thomas.

Dr. Berry was married at Locust Grove, October 9, 1873, to Miss Sarah Murphey, daughter of Captain Murphey, one of the most prominent citizens of Adams county. There are five children by this marriage, namely: Charles, Ammy, Mary E., Thomas Alfred and Beatrice. Dr. Berry is a member of the Adams County Medical Society. In politics he is a Democrat and has served on the executive committee of his party in Adams county. He was for seven years Clerk of Franklin township and for four years its Treasurer. Dr. Berry is a leading man in his profession in this portion of the State, and is one of the most popular citizens of Adams county.

WILLIAM EDGAR EVANS, a leading business man and citizen of Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in the city of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 29, 1845. He is a son of George W. Evans, a native of Maryland, who was a son of Daniel Evans, a native of Wales. The paternal great-grandfather, Daniel Evans, Sr., was the first member of the family to emigrate to America. He came from Wales and settled in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1780, and there passed the remainder of his life; his interment took place at the old Evans burial-ground, five miles north of the city. The grandfather of our subject was a young boy when his father crossed the sea to the United States. He removed to Ross county, Ohio, about 1830, and was extensively engaged in agricultural pursuits. He died September 30, 1841, and lies buried at Salem, Pickaway county, Ohio. He married Eleanor Towson, a native of Towson, Maryland. She died March 5, 1858, the mother of five sons.

George W. Evans, a mere lad when his parents came to Ross county, and located in Green township, attended the pioneer schools, and served an apprenticeship at the stone-cutter's trade, becoming a very skillful workman, and in 1843 went to Philadelphia for the purpose of superintending the stone work on Girard College, which was then in the course of construction. He returned to Ohio in 1847, and later had charge of the stone work of the State capitol at Columbus. He died in April, 1859. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Zimmerman, was born at Kingston, Ross county, Ohio; she was a daughter of John Zimmerman, a German by descent and one of the early settlers of Ross county. They were both faithful members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically he supported the issues of the Whig party, but was never actively interested in public affairs.

William Edgar Evans, one of a family of two children, was an infant of two years when his parents removed to Columbus, Ohio, and received his education in that city. When he was fourteen years old his father died, and he was then thrown upon his own resources. He lived in the home of an aunt at Kingston for a time, and then came to Chillicothe, where he secured employment in the dry-goods store of Anderson & Crouse. He remained in their establishment fourteen years, after which he clerked for R. B. Smart. From 1873 to 1877 he was in the jewelry business, but this did not prove a successful venture. He then went to Hillsborough, Ohio, and was bookkeeper in the foundry of C. S. Bell for three years. Coming back to Chillicothe he did clerical work for a period of three years, and in 1883 embarked in the insurance business.

Mr. Evans was married April 29, 1868, to Miss Alma Platter, a native of Ross county and a daughter of Peter Platter, one of the prominent farmers and stock dealers in this section. Mr. Platter was born in Adams county, Ohio, November 21, 1804, a son of Peter Platter, a native of Germany. The latter emigrated to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where he was married. He reared thirteen children, and died at the age of seventy-three years. The father of Mrs. Evans was the seventh born. He was reared to the life of a farmer and received his education in the primitive schools of the frontier. He married Miss Mary Clark, a native of Ross county, and they had seven children: Corinne, Cornelius C., Elizabeth, Thomas H., Alma, Emily and Mary A. The mother died in 1853, and Mr. Platter was married a second time, in 1855, to Sarah A. Nesbet, who was born in Xenia, Ohio. Four children were born of this marriage: Louie, William, deceased, Kate K. and Peter, Jr. He was one of the most extensive farmers of the county, and at one time owned 900 acres of land. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian, and was a prompt attendant at service. Politically he supported the Whig, and later the Republican, party. He died May 23, 1891.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans are the parents of five sons: Peter Platter, Charles Clark, Walter Lewis, William Edgar, Jr., and Robert Welsh.

Mr. Evans does the leading fire insurance business of Ross county, representing thirteen different companies; he is also secretary of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association. He is a man of excellent business qualifications, and has the confidence of all with whom he has any dealings.

In the spring of 1862 he enlisted in the Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, at the age of fifteen years. He had gone as far south as Portsmouth, when his youth was discovered and he was returned. May 4, 1864, he enlisted in Company A, One Hundred Forty-ninth Ohio National Guard, and was sent to Baltimore, where he did guard duty, and was afterward with Gen. Sheridan through the Shenandoah valley, participating in some of the most noted engagements of the war. He was once captured by Mosby's guerrillas, but made his escape. He was mustered out of the service at the expiration of his term of enlistment, in September, 1864. Mr. Evans and wife are members of the Third Presbyterian Church. In politics he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the Masonic order, having attained the thirty-second degree.

JOHN A. SOMERS, Auditor of Ross county, Ohio, was born within the borders of this county at Chillicothe, September 4, 1847. His father, John A. Somers, was a native of England, and traced his lineage to Lord John Somers, Keeper of the Royal Seals of England. In his youth he came to America and located in Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was a builder and contractor all his life; he died at the age of fifty years. He married Sarah A. Camp, who survives him. They had a son and daughter, twins; the daughter, Angie, died in 1889; the son is the subject of this sketch. Mrs. Somers is a member of the Methodist Church, while her husband was a strict Presbyterian, being Deacon of his church.

John A. Somers, whose name heads this biography, was left to rely upon his own resources at the age of twelve years. He went to Jo Daviess county, Illinois, and was employed in farm work during the summer and attended school in the winter season, until he was sixteen years old.

Fired by the zeal of the young patriot he offered his service to his Government, and May 2, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, for a term of four months. He was under Sheridan on his campaign through the Shenandoah valley, and participated in several noted engagements; was mustered out in September, 1864.

Returning to Chillicothe, he entered the Commercial College and spent some time there in study. When he had finished the course he secured a position in the First National Bank, and steadily worked his way to the position of head bookkeeper. He was in the employ of this establishment ten years when his health failed, and he was advised to seek a change of climate. Accordingly he went to the Northwest, and for three years was bookkeeper for a large lumber firm at Oconto, Wisconsin; for a short time he was bookkeeper in the First National Bank of Dubuque, Iowa. His health regained, he returned to Ross county and embarked in the grocery business, which he conducted about a year; he then went into the bank again as bookkeeper, remaining three years.

He was elected Auditor of Ross county in 1887, and re-elected in 1890, his term expiring September 11, 1893. He has been one of the most efficient of expert accountants for many years, and his management of the business of the office of Auditor has given universal satisfaction.

Mr. Somers was united in marriage in 1873 to Miss Eleanor W. Clark, a daughter

of Judge Milton L. Clark, whose history appears on another page of this volume. Mrs. Somers is a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and takes an active interest in promoting all Christian work. They occupy a residence in Scioto township, just outside the city, one of the most attractive homes in the suburbs. Politically Mr. Somers is identified with the Republican party. He is a charter member of the order of Elks, being the second member initiated here.

GUSTAVUS SCOTT FRANKLIN, A. M., M. D., Chillicothe, was born in this city, in 1837, and attended the schools of his native county until 1856, when he entered Marietta (Ohio) College, graduated in 1859, studied medicine under the supervision of Drs. David Wills and D. H. Scott, and attended medical lectures at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city, graduating in 1862. He entered the United States Navy as a surgeon early in the war and served through exciting scenes until 1868, when he resigned and returned to Chillicothe to practice his profession.

He was married in 1870, to Mary Steele Foulke, only daughter of Lewis W. Foulke, A. M., M. D., who emigrated to Chillicothe from Carlisle, Pennsylvania, in 1835. He has had three children—Elizabeth McCoy, Charles Love and Marianne Scott. He is an independent Democrat, a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Medicine, the Ohio State Sanitary Society and the Ross County Medical Society. He has always been a hard worker in the ranks of those who are endeavoring to elevate and ennoble his beloved profession. He is also a member of the society of the Sons of the Revolution and of the Grand Army of the Republic.

His father, William B. Franklin, a graduate of Princeton College, who studied law under the preceptorship of Honorable Francis Scott Key (author of The Star Spangled Banner), of Baltimore, emigrated from Georgetown, District of Columbia, to Chillicothe in 1831, with his wife, Mary Ann Scott. She was the daughter of John Caile Scott, and grand-daughter of Hon. Gustavus Scott, who was born in Virginia, educated at Aberdeen College, Scotland, and at Temple Court, London, located in 1770 in Somerset county, Maryland, became an enthusiastic patriot in 1774, a member of the Maryland convention in 1775, was a member of the Maryland Congress 1776 to 1783, of the Continental Congress in 1784, was an intimate friend of George Washington, by whom he was appointed a commissioner to lay out the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and was the owner and builder of the noted seat called Kalorama, in the District of Columbia. His coat-of-arms, obtained by him when at Aberdeen College, Scotland, was: "Or, on a bend azure, a bezant between two crescents of the field; in a bordure argent, eight bezants Or; Crest, a dove." Motto, "Gaudia Magna Nuncio."

Dr. Franklin's maternal great-great-grandfather, Rev. James Scott, came to America about 1725 to inherit the large estate of his elder half brother, Rev. Alexander Scott, who lived from 1685 to 1734, and in 1710 came over to America and died without issue. Rev. James Scott married, in 1736, Sarah Brown, of Maryland, and their descendants have ever since occupied prominent positions in church and State. Dr. Franklin's paternal ancestors

Dr Gustavus S. Franklin.

were Huguenots, driven from France to Saxony and thence came to Maryland, about 1780, settling in the valley of the Monocacy, and near Hagerstown. His brother, Commander Charles Love Franklin, of the United States Navy, in 1864 married Sarah Bedinger Thatcher, daughter of Dr. N. W. Thatcher, and his wife, Sarah Bedinger Swearingen, both of them old settlers in Ross county. Commander Franklin was the hero during the Civil war (1862) of a brave action on the United States ship Hetzel, on the Potomac river. The Confederates, trying to obstruct navigation on the river, fired an explosive shell at the Hetzel, which fell, fuse burning, into the powder magazine. Commander Franklin, without a moment's hesitation, jumped down into the magazine, carried out the burning shell and tossed it overboard before it exploded! He was warmly commended by his official superiors for this gallant action.

God-fearing, upright, honest ancestry is the best heritage of man.

JEREMIAH M. THOMPSON, who is identified with the farming interests of Huntington township, Ross county, Ohio, is one of its worthy citizens.

He was born in Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, June 11, 1849, son of James M. Thompson, also a native of the Keystone State. James M. Thompson emigrated with his family from Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, to Gallia county, Ohio, about 1852, where he died March 12, 1862. His widow, whose maiden name was Jane Salyards, still survives. She, too, was born in Pennsylvania. They had eight children, four sons and four daughters, of whom Jeremiah M. is the oldest son and second child.

In Gallia county, Ohio, the subject of our sketch remained until he was twenty years old. At that age he went to Jackson county, Missouri, and worked out by the month on farms for three years, after which he returned to Ohio and engaged in farming on his own account in Gallia county. In the fall of 1877 he removed to Pike county, this State, and settled near Waverly, where he rented land—the farm now known as the Hayes farm. He remained there for six years. In the spring of 1883 he came to Ross county and rented land in Scioto township. A year later he removed to Twin township, and two years afterward took up his abode on the farm where he now lives, this tract of land comprising 400 acres. Mr. Thompson is a good manager, is very industrious, and has met with a reasonable degree of success.

He was married in Gallia county, Ohio, September 2, 1873, to Miss Alice Sisson, daughter of John and Mary Sisson, both natives of that county, where she was born June 30, 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson are the parents of four children: Myrtle G., J. Virgil, John S. and George L. Mr. Thompson takes an active interest in township affairs, and has held the office of Township Trustee for several terms.

NATHANIEL MASSIE, the leading pioneer of the Virginians in the settlement of Ohio, was born in Goochland county, Virginia, December 28, 1763. His father was a highly respected planter of that State, whose ancestors came originally from England.

Young Massie received a good education, entered the Revolutionary army at the age

of seventeen, and after the close of the war went to Kentucky, carrying with him valuable letters of introduction to many of its leading citizens. During the next few years he followed his profession of surveyor and land locator, and seems to have built up a fine reputation for skill in his calling as well as for courage and honesty.

In 1788 he made his first journey into the Virginia Military District of Ohio, which was the land lying northwest of the river Ohio and between the Scioto and Little Miami rivers, and which had been reserved by Virginia for the purpose of paying her soldiers of the Revolutionary war. When she ceded her territory northwest of the river Ohio to the United States, Virginia gave to each of her soldiers a warrant for as much of this land as his services entitled him to receive. The holders of these warrants would then employ a surveyor to select a tract of land and survey it for them. The surveys were then entered at the land office in Richmond, and thereupon a patent or deed for the land included in such survey was issued by the United States to the owner of the warrants.

Nathaniel Massie was a surveyor duly authorized to make such entries and surveys, and it was for this purpose that he first entered Ohio, which at that time was an unbroken wilderness inhabited only by hostile Indians. During the winter of 1790 he organized a colony of thirty families and made a settlement on the north bank of the Ohio river at the place where Manchester now stands, which was the first settlement within the Virginia Military District and the fourth within the bounds of Ohio. He continued making surveys until 1794, penetrating far up the rich and beautiful Scioto valley. These explorations and surveys were made "in the midst of the most appalling dangers" during the winter of 1795, and he and his party suffered great hardships on account of the depth of the snow and scarcity of wild game, on which they entirely depended for food.

In the spring of that year Mr. Massie put into operation a long cherished plan. Organizing a body of men, he went up the Scioto valley for the purpose of founding a town near the mouth of Paint creek. They had two serious conflicts with the Indians, being victorious in both. They completed their explorations and returned to Manchester for the winter. About the first of March, 1796, another party was organized by Mr. Massie, and on the first day of April encamped on the present site of Chillicothe, which Massie already owned and which he laid out for a town, giving to each settler an in-lot and an out-lot. Additions have been made to his original plat of this place, but it has never been changed, the principal streets and alleys remaining exactly as he located them.

The young town grew rapidly, attracting to it many families from Virginia and Kentucky, and soon became an important political factor in the Northwest Territory. Massie was elected a member of both the first and second Legislatures of this Territory, and was one of the leaders of the movement for the admission of Ohio into the Union, being a bitter opponent of the Territorial Governor, General Arthur St. Clair, against whom he preferred charges to President Jefferson, which ultimately led to the removal of St. Clair from the office. Massie was elected a member of the convention which framed the first constititution of Ohio, and was largely instrumental in giving it a strong Democratic tendency. He was

also elected a Senator to the first and second General Assemblies.

In 1804 and in 1808 Mr. Massie was one of the three Presidential Electors selected in Ohio, voting for Jefferson and Madison respectively. In 1807 he was a candidate for Governor, but was defeated by Return Jonathan Meigs, whose election Massie contested on the ground "that Meigs had not been a resident of this State for four years next preceding the election, as required by the constitution;" and the General Assembly in joint convention decided that Meigs was not eligible. Massie did not claim the office, "being of too magnanimous a nature to accept any offering that was not of the free will."

For many years Mr. Massie was Major General of the Ohio militia; and the last act of his public life was to raise a force of 500 men for the relief of General Harrison and his army at Fort Meigs in the spring of 1813.

General Massie accumulated a large landed estate and engaged in many manufacturing enterprises for the good of the community. During the later years of his life he resided on his farm at the falls of Paint creek, near Bainbridge, in Ross county.

In 1800 he married Susan Meade, a daughter of Colonel David Meade, of Kentucky, whose magnificent estate—"Chaumiere," near Lexington — was famous throughout the Southwest for its social splendor and hospitality. General Massie died November 3, 1813, leaving, besides his widow, three sons and two daughters. In June, 1870, the remains of General Massie and his wife were removed from the old family burial-ground to the cemetery at Chillicothe, where they now rest under a handsome granite monument erected by his descendants, and which overlooks for miles the beautiful valley into which he first brought civilization.

HENRY MASSIE, the youngest child of General Nathaniel Massie, was born July 11, 1811, and was but two years of age when his father died. He was mainly reared by his maternal grandfather, Colonel David Meade, of Kentucky. He graduated at Transylvania University, at Lexington, Kentucky, in 1828, returned to Chillicothe, studied law and was admitted to the bar.

The early death of his father, and bad management by those having charge of his large landed estate, had led to almost hopeless confusion in affairs, to the disentanglement of which young Massie studiously devoted himself for many years, recovering much property for himself and brothers and sisters, at the same time acquiring a knowledge of the land laws in force in the Virginia Military District, which made him the best real-estate lawyer in all this region. He also enjoyed an excellent general practice, being for many years one of the leaders of the bar in southern Ohio. During the last years of his life he gave most of his time to the management of the Chillicothe Bank, of which he was president at the time of his death, which occurred March 10, 1862, at St. Paul, Minnesota, whither he had gone in search of health.

He married Susan Burton Thompson, daughter of John B. Thompson, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and by this marriage there was one child, David Meade Massie. This gentleman was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, February 26, 1859, graduated at Princeton, New Jersey, in 1880, and at the Cincinnati

Law School in 1882, and the same year was admitted to the bar of Ohio. During the next two years he traveled extensively, both in this country and abroad. In 1883, according to the example set him by his father and grandfather, he went to Kentucky for a wife, marrying in November of that year, Miss Juliet S., the youngest daughter of the late Major Thomas A. Matthews, of Covington, that State. Mrs. Massie's eldest brother, Claude Matthews, is at present Governor of Indiana.

In 1884 he located permanently at Chillicothe and began the practice of his profession. In 1887 he was nominated as the Republican candidate for State Senator from Ross and Highland counties, and elected over the Honorable Lawrence T. Neal, after a most vigorous and exciting campaign; and in 1889 he was re-elected, practically without opposition. While in the Senate Mr. Massie was the author of several important laws, among which may be noted the law regulating the contest of the election of presidential electors, and the law prescribing the fees charged in this State for articles of incorporation. The latter measure, commonly called the "Massie law," has added hundreds of thousands of dollars to the revenues of the State. While in the Senate Mr. Massie also acted as chairman of the joint committee on taxation, which introduced many new ideas on that subject, notably the taxation of collateral inheritances, and the Massachusetts system of taxing certain corporations, both of which have since become laws. In 1888 Mr. Massie was appointed by Governor Foraker a Trustee of the Ohio State University, and in 1892 was re-appointed to the same position by Governor McKinley; and for some years he has been vice-president of that board. At present he is a member of the Republican State Executive Committee, a director of the First National Bank of Chillicothe, and of several commercial enterprises in other places, as well as being largely interested in agriculture and real estate.

DR. SAMUEL J. SPEES, a venerable member of the medical profession at Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in Bracken county, Kentucky, November 11, 1812, son of George and Mary (Wright) Spees, both natives of Pennsylvania. Grandfather Frederick Spees was born in Hessie Cottle, Germany, and came to America during the Revolutionary war. He was forced into the British army, and was all through the war. Wounded at the battle of Trenton and taken prisoner by Washington, he, upon his recovery, united with the American forces and fought for independence until the struggle was over. He then settled down to farming in Pennsylvania and married there and subsequently removed with his family to Kentucky, where he spent the rest of his life engaged in agricultural pursuits, being nearly ninety years old at the time of his death. Grandfather Jonathan Wright was an Englishman. His arrival in America was only a short time before the opening of the Revolution, and as one of Washington's soldiers he fought all through that war, receiving two wounds, one ball entering his chest and the other his hip. He died in early life from the effects of his wounds. After the war he was engaged in farming, first in Pennsylvania and afterward in Kentucky. George Spees, the Doctor's father, was born July 14, 1788, in Bedford county,

Pennsylvania, and the mother's birth occurred November 8, 1789. By occupation he was a farmer, and in politics he was a Democrat previous to the Civil war and from that time on was a Republican. For many years he was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, as also was his wife. Both have long since passed to their reward, her death having occurred September 6, 1838, and his July 26, 1871. He was a veteran of the war of 1812.

Dr. Spees was reared a farmer boy. He attended the common schools during his early years and later took a course at Cincinnati. He studied medicine in Felicity, Clermont county, Ohio, and attended lectures at the Ohio Medical College of Cincinnati, where he graduated in 1839. Previous to his graduation he began the practice of his profession at Lynchburgh, this county, where he continued for a period of thirty-two years, enjoying a most successful career. He then, in 1866, removed to Hillsborough and since that time has been actively identified with the medical profession here.

In his early life he affiliated with the Whigs, but later became a Republican and has since adhered to that party. For many years he has been a stanch Methodist. Of a public-spirited and generous nature, he has ever been deeply interested in public affairs, and especially did he take an active interest in the building of the railroads to Hillsborough.

Dr. Spees was married October 6, 1833, in Clermont county, Ohio, to Sarah J. Stevens, who was born in Springfield, Vermont, April 9, 1814. They had five children, only one of whom reached maturity—Amanda C., who married Carlisle Barrere, a banker of Columbus, Ohio. She died January 22, 1878, leaving one son, George N. Barrere.

It may be said of Dr. Spees that he has had a longer practice than any other physician in Highland county. Although he has passed his four-score years, he is still active and vigorous and as much devoted to his profession as ever. He helped to organize the second county medical society in Ohio. That was in 1838, and in this society he has filled every office. During the late war he was a surgeon in the Forty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry until on account of ill health he was obliged to resign.

Such, in brief, is a sketch of the life of the oldest practicing physician of Highland county.

JOHN M. COX, M. D., is a prominent member of the medical fraternity of Ross county, residing at South Salem. He was born three miles southeast of the village February 28, 1824, and is a son of Thomas Cox, who is also a native of the county, born on Paint creek April 12, 1801. The paternal grandfather, Jeffrey Cox, emigrated from Maryland to Ohio and was one of the first settlers on Paint creek in Ross county; later he removed to another place in the township, and subsequently went to Shelby county, Indiana, where he passed the remainder of his life. Thomas Cox, son of the above, was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and has followed this vocation through life. He cleared the land on which he lives, and has passed through all the privations and hardships encountered on the frontier. He was married to Sophia De Voss, who was born in Kentucky, June 7, 1804; when a child of three years she was brought to Ohio by her parents, and here spent her last years; she

died March 19, 1879. Mr. and Mrs. Cox had five children, three of whom are living. Politically Mr. Cox has been identified with the Democratic party, and has cast his vote for sixteen presidential candidates.

Dr. Cox was reared amid the rural surroundings of his father's frontier home, receiving his earlier education in the district school; at the age of twenty-one years he entered the South Salem Academy, and afterward taught three terms of school. Having determined upon the medical profession as his life's work, he began reading up the science at South Salem, Dr. Samuel C. Hamilton acting as his preceptor. Going to Starling Medical College at Columbus, Ohio, he took a three years' course in that institution, and graduated February 17, 1854. He then settled in South Salem, where he began his career as a practitioner. In a period covering thirty-nine years he has taken a vacation only two different times. He has experienced all the varying fortunes of the young physician, and has lived to reap the rewards of maturer years. He is a member of the Ohio State Medical Society, joining that body in 1877.

Dr. Cox was married February 18, 1856, to Miss Margaret Wallace, a native of Ross county, Ohio, born in Buckskin township February 27, 1817. Her parents were Robert and Margaret (Blair) Wallace, the father being a native of Ireland. He emigrated to America when a young man, became a farmer and tanner, and died at a ripe old age, but his wife survived only to the age of forty-seven years. They reared a family of six children, Mrs. Cox and a sister being the only ones living. The Doctor and his wife have one child, a daughter named Leila, the wife of Prof. J. O. Caldwell, of Pueblo, Colorado. Mrs. Caldwell is a graduate of the South Salem (Ohio) Academy, and also finished the course at Oxford Female College; she gave especial attention to painting and developed marked talents in this art.

Dr. Cox is an ardent Democrat, but has not been an aspirant to public office. In addition to his professional labors he finds time to superintend the cultivation of a small farm, which he owns near South Salem. Through all his life the Doctor's interests have centered in Ross county, and he is one of her most loyal citizens. His father is now the oldest native resident in the county.

JUDGE BENJAMIN FRANKLIN STONE, the record of whose honorable and useful life comes now briefly under review, is a native of of Ohio, having been born near Marietta, Washington county, December 4, 1831. He is descended from good old Puritan stock, the paternal and maternal lineage tracing back respectively to Gregory Stone, who became a resident of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1634, and to Humphrey Barrett, of Concord, Massachusetts, 1640.

His grandfather, Israel Stone, was a member of the first New England colony which, under General Rufus Putnam, emigrated to Ohio and founded the first settlement in the State at Marietta, the whole section then being a portion of what was designated as the Northwest Territory. Judge Stone's father, whose full patronymic the son bears, was also a member of the same colony, being a boy of eleven years at the time the settlement was made. Educating himself, he took up the profession of teaching, which he followed

for some little time, after which he was for several years in the employ of the United States Government as a surveyor. He subsequently served Washington county in a like capacity.

Judge Stone's mother was Rosanna De Vol, also descended from old Colonial families in Massachusetts and Rhode Island, and likewise a member of the first New England colony in Ohio. The ancestors on both sides were active participants in the war of the Revolution, contributing both means and service to the cause of American independence.

The boyhood of our subject was spent upon a little farm on the banks of the Muskingum river and his early educational training was secured in the familiar log school house of the frontier. He entered Marietta College (Ohio) at the age of seventeen years and graduated with honors. He then studied theology for three years at Lane Theological Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1856 he accepted a call to the pastorate of the Second Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, Ohio; two years later he resigned this incumbency to accept the post as master of classics and mathematics in the Chillicothe high school.

In 1861 the thunder of rebel guns upon Fort Sumter roused the Revolutionary blood in his veins and he made haste to contribute his quota to the defense of the nation. He entered the service as Lieutenant in the Seventy-Third Ohio Infantry, and shortly thereafter was promoted to the office of Captain. He was detailed as Adjutant of his regiment and later as Adjutant-General of his brigade, in which last position he served until the close of the war. He participated in the battles of Manassas (2d), Chancellorsville and Gettysburg, then, having been transferred to the Western army, served under Grant at Lookout Mountain and Mission Ridge, and with Sherman from Chattanooga to Atlanta and from Atlanta to the sea.

After the war he was in the United States Internal Revenue Service at Chillicothe, Ohio, until 1875, when he was elected Probate Judge of Ross county, in which office he served for nine years, having been twice re-elected,—once by the largest majority ever given to any candidate for any office in a county which at that time was of opposite politics by several hundred votes. Since his retirement from the bench he has been engaged in the practice of law.

Judge Stone has been a conspicuous figure in Ross county affairs since 1860. Taking great interest in the cause of education, he served as a member of the Board of Education of Chillicothe for twenty-one consecutive years and was a leading spirit in its management during that period. To him more than any other one individual is due the founding and maintenance of the public library of the city.

He has, ever since 1865, been a prominent leader in his political party, the Republican, and to his astute management is largely due the revolution in local politics which has within that period transformed the county from a Democratic to a Republican status.

The Judge is a comrade of the Grand Army of the Republic, is a companion of the order of the Loyal Legion, and is a brother and officer of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, Benevolent Protective Order of Elks. He is a thorough churchman of the Protestant Episcopal Church, being a member of the vestry of St. Paul's Church in Chillicothe. He also holds preferment as a

member of the Board of Election for Ross county.

In 1867 Judge Stone was united in marriage to Miss Olivia Allston, daughter of John Rhodes Allston, a prominent citizen of Chillicothe. They have one child, a daughter, Miss Helen Franklin Stone.

MATTHEW CAHILL has been prominently identified with the commercial interests of Chillicothe since 1861, and is one of her leading shoe dealers. He is an adopted son of the Republic of the United States, the land of his nativity being the beautiful Emerald Isle, where he was born, in county Tipperary, April 18, 1829. His father, Patrick Cahill, was born in county Kilkenny, Ireland, and was a leather merchant in that country; he also dealt extensively in iron and lumber. In 1818 he emigrated to America, and remained three or four years, returning to his old home. During the famine of 1845-'6 he lost all his property. He took a leading part in the distribution of supplies sent from America, as many consignments were made to him by merchants with whom he was acquainted in this country. Again in 1849 he crossed the sea to the New World, and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he embarked in the queensware business. There he passed the remainder of his life, dying at the age of fifty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Jane Hacket, was also a native of Ireland. They reared seven of a family of ten children; the mother died at the age of forty-nine years.

Matthew Cahill, the fourth born of this family, was twenty years of age when he came to the United States with his parents. He had been educated in the monastery at Thurles, in his native county, receiving a thorough English training. The voyage to this country consumed thirty-five days, eighteen of which were passed in heavy storms. Cholera broke out on shipboard, and twenty-one perished and were buried at sea. After this perilous journey he settled in Cincinnati, and was in his father's store until the death of the latter. He then went into a commission house, and later into the shoe business in Covington, Kentucky, where he remained until 1861. Then came a short period of warfare, in which he did service as a member of the Forty-first Kentucky Infantry.

Immediately following this Mr. Cahill came to Chillicothe, and bought a shoe store, which he has continued to run to the present time. He has built up an immense trade during a term of thirty-two years, and has done much to advance the interests of this city. He was one of the prime movers in securing the Union Shoe Company to Chillicothe, and he has platted and sold several additions to the first incorporation; he owns a large amount of residence and business property, and spares no effort to make known the superior advantages of his city as a commercial center.

Our worthy subject was united in marriage in 1854 to Mary Fleshnor, a native of Maryland, descended from German ancestors. Of this union nine children have been born, six of whom are now living,—Thomas, Frank, Mary, Gertrude, Will and James; Vernacious, Joseph and Emily are now deceased. The family are members of St. Mary's Church, Roman Catholic. Politically, Mr. Cahill affiliates with the Democratic party, and takes an active interest in

the movements of that body, wielding a considerable influence in their councils.

He was at one time president of the Electric Street Railway Company, and is now vice-president of the Fidelity Building and Loan Association. This corporation has been in existence seven years, has loaned $170,000, and has never had to make a foreclosure. Mr. Cahill is one of the appraising committee, and is considered one of the safest and shrewdest financiers in Ross county.

DR. WILLIAM FULLERTON, deceased, was a conspicuous figure in the early history of Ross county. In his career is found an instance of the wide sympathy and kindly generosity of the pioneer physician whose life was devoted to relieving the sufferings of humanity. Dr. Fullerton was a native of Pennsylvania, born near Chambersburg, in November, 1802; his death occurred at Chillicothe, Ohio, in July, 1875. He was a lineal descendant of Major Humphrey Fullerton, who was distinguished for bravery on the battle-field of Boyne under William, King of England. A descendant of his, Humphrey Fullerton, came from Scotland to Pennsylvania, became a man of wealth, owing a large landed estate in the Cumberland valley, Pennsylvania, and was Judge of the first court ever held at Chambersburg, that State.

The father of the Doctor removed with his family to Chillicothe in 1803, and invested heavily in real estate in Ross county. He visited Texas for the purpose of investigating the conditions of colonization, and on his return met with a frightful accident through the explosion of the boiler of the vessel on which he was a passenger; the shock was so great that he never recovered from the effects, but passed from this life in 1830. His son William was then a student in the Chillicothe Academy, preparing to enter the University of Ohio. He carried out his plans in this direction, and would have graduated with the class of 1822, but for failing health. As soon as he was able he began the study of medicine, under Dr. Pinkerton, and then attended the lectures of the Transylvania University at Lexington, Kentucky, being graduated at this institution in 1825.

Dr. Fullerton then returned to Chillicothe and engaged in the practice of his profession. Endowed with strong mental powers and a fine physique and attractive presence, he inspired confidence wherever he was called, and soon arose to a most enviable position in the estimation of the people.

In 1824 he voted for Gen. Jackson for the presidency of the United States, and acted with his party until the slavery question assumed prominence in this country. A lover of liberty and justice, he became an active Abolitionist and assisted freely in those preparations for the freedom of the slave which to his intense satisfaction culminated in the Emancipation Proclamation of the lamented Lincoln.

In 1834 he was united in marrige with Miss Sophia Lyman, a daughter of Elias Lyman, of Greenville, Massachusetts, a son of a Revolutionary officer. He had five children: Lyman, who was born in 1835 and died in 1871; Sophia L., born in 1844, died in 1867; Margaret, who is the wife of Thomas Marfield, of Chillicothe; William D., who is the subject of a special sketch

found elsewhere in this volume; and Lucy H., married.

While the Doctor was a man of decided character he was never impulsive in the forming of his opinions, but always possessed the courage of his convictions. He was a genial companion, a loyal friend and a citizen whose patriotism was unquestioned.

HENRY W. WOODROW, a prominent attorney of Ross county, Ohio, and Secretary of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society, has made an enviable reputation in the legal profession and has had a business career which reflects much credit upon himself. He was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 8, 1847, a son of Rev. Thomas Woodrow, D. D., who was a native of Paisley, Scotland; the paternal grandfather was a manufacturer of the famous Paisley shawls, which line represents one of the important industries of Great Britain. Thomas Woodrow was a graduate of the University of Glasgow, Scotland, and in 1835 he departed from his native heath and set sail for America, having in the meanwhile married a wife, at Carlisle, where he had been serving a pastorate. His wife soon died after their arrival in this country, and two years later he came to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he remained for a number of years. In 1849 he removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he resided for some time, removing thence to Nicholasville, Kentucky. During all this period he had been preaching the gospel, and he was still engaged in ministerial work when the Civil war broke out. He at that time returned to Columbus, where he passed the remaining years of his life, his demise occurring April 27, 1877. He possessed rare mental attainments and was considered the finest linguist in the State, being a profound student of the Greek, Latin and Hebrew languages. His second wife was Harriet L. (Scott) Renick, widow of Asahel Renick, who was born in Alexandria, Virginia, February 7, 1811, reared four children, and died February 18, 1865. Henry W. Woodrow was the second of these four children. His great-grandfather on the maternal side was Hon. Gustavus Scott, who was born at Strawberry Plains, in Prince William county, Virginia, whose father was Rev. James Scott, who was born in Dipple Parish, Elgin, Scotland, and who emigrated to Dipple, Virginia, about 1725; he was married in 1736 and subsequently removed to Prince William county, Virginia; he was a son of Rev. John Scott, of Dipple Parish, Scotland.

Hon. Gustavus Scott was a prominent man in the lower part of Maryland known as Tide Water; he took an active part in asserting the independence of Maryland and of the nation, being a distinguished member of the Maryland convention and Maryland congress of 1784. He was a thorough statesman and devoted his life and financial means to his country's cause; because he was an extensive land owner he was enabled to contribute largely and to wield a marked influence. His coat-of-arms, obtained by him at Aberdeen, Scotland, was Or, on a bend azure; a bezant between two crescents of the field; in a bordure argent, eight bezants; crest, a dove with an olive branch in its beak; motto, "*Gaudia Magna Nuncio.*"

Henry W. Woodrow, the immediate subject of this review, received his preliminary education in the public schools, supplementing the same by a course in the

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old Nicholasville (Kentucky) Academy, and being coached in the classical languages by his father. Having a decided penchant for out-of-doors employment he engaged in agricultural pursuits near Columbus, where he remained for ten years.

In 1869 he came to Chillicothe and accepted a clerkship in the store of his half-brother, remaining thus employed for a period of two years, after which he assumed charge of a hat store and occupied his leisure time in reading law. He was admitted to the bar October 1, 1878, and has been successfully engaged in practice in Ross and adjoining counties since that time.

Mr. Woodrow has been the efficient Secretary of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society since September 3, 1877, and the prosperity of this association is largely due to his untiring labors in its behalf and to his sound judgment and excellent management. Politically he adheres to the principles of Democracy, yet is independent in his choice of men. He has been president of the board of elections for four years and is now serving his third term in this capacity; he was president of the City Council one year, fulfilling his duties with zealous care for the interests entrusted to him.

He was united in marriage, December 30, 1869, to Elizabeth Carlisle Miner, a native of Columbus, Ohio. They are the parents of two children: Harriet L. and William M. These young people have been afforded superior educational advantages and are richly endowed with a heritage of which no man can deprive them. Mr. Woodrow, wife and daughter, are members of the First Presbyterian Church; he was elected trustee of this society in 1871, and with the exception of two years has held the office continuously since that time. He was the first person baptized in the old Church, which has been recently replaced by a fine modern edifice. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution. In all walks of life Mr. Woodrow has exhibited a sincerity of purpose and a consideration of the rights of others that have won him the highest regard of his fellow-men.

WILLIAM A. JONES, Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, is one of the wealthy and influential men of Ross county, being identified with its various interests.

He was born in Louisa county, Virginia, March 14, 1830. His father, the late Samuel Jones, emigrated with his family from Virginia in 1833 and settled in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, where he made his home up to August, 1836, when he removed to Pike county and settled between Piketon and Waverly. He died there in 1843. His wife, whose maiden name was Lucy Desper, died in 1841.

William A. Jones continued to reside in Pike county until the spring of 1848, when he came to Twin township. For nine years he was employed by the year by Enos Prather, on the farm which he now owns and where he lives. In the spring of 1857 he went to Kansas. A few months' experience in that State, however, was enough for him and he soon returned to Ohio. The following spring he rented 1,300 acres of land, which he operated one year. That fall he purchased a farm of 350 acres on the south side of Paint creek, to which he removed and where he remained nine years. At the end of that time he came to his present home. Here he has since resided. He owns upward of 3,000 acres of land in

Ross county, besides valuable land in Scioto and Vinton counties, and large farming interests in Kansas and elsewhere. Mr. Jones began life with no means whatever, and his large accumulations are the result of his own unaided efforts. The elegant and commodious residence on his home farm is one of the most delightful rural places to be found in this vicinity. Farming and stock-raising have all these years claimed his chief attention. He has, however, been interested in other enterprises. He owned at one time the flour mill that was erected by the Bourneville Milling Company, of which he was president. Subsequently he purchased the entire stock, and operated the mill up to the time it was destroyed by fire in December, 1889. He is one of the directors of the Chillicothe Savings Bank. In all public affairs intended to advance local interests, he has taken an active part, being liberal toward the support of whatever measures he considered for the good of the community at large. He has been identified with the Republican party ever since its organization.

Mr. Jones was married in Twin township, this county, September 14, 1858, to Miss Mary Jane Storm, daughter of the late John Storm, one of the oldest settlers of Ross county. Mr. Storm located on the south side of Paint creek, in Twin township, in 1813, where he died in July, 1889. Mrs. Jones was born in Twin township, February 14, 1833. They have a family of five children: Mary J., wife of James M. Cheney; William F., who married Emma J. Baker; David G., Anna M. and Milton P. They also lost three children: John R., who died at about the age of sixteen years; Nathaniel C., in infancy; Samuel, at about the age of twenty-one.

Mr. and Mrs. Jones are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held various official positions. He is also a member of the Masonic fraternity.

CASPAR C. PLYLEY, whose name is found on the list of successful farmers in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, belongs to one of the pioneer families of this part of the State.

William Plyley, his father, was born in this township October 2, 1801, son of Caspar Plyley, whose birth occurred February 11, 1763, in the East, and who came to Ross county, Ohio, at an early day, probably about 1800. Grandfather Plyley died in Twin township May 28, 1849, and his wife, Margaret Plyley, died March 19, 1836. William Plyley spent his whole life in this township, and died here March 25, 1891. Although a mere boy he went out with the soldiers in the war of 1812. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Zimmerman, was born in this county, March 5, 1807, and died February 14, 1881. They had eight children, Caspar C., Eliza J., Amanda, William C., Clarissa S., Mary E., Ulysses A. and Alice M.

Caspar C. Plyley is a native of the township in which he now lives, born June 20, 1827. With the exception of a few years when he resided in Fayette county, Ohio, he has spent his whole life in Twin township, being engaged chiefly in farming and stock-raising, and also giving some attention to fruit culture. He owns upwards of 1,000 acres.

Mr. Plyley was married in Fayette county, Ohio, October 28, 1851, to Miss Charity A. House, daughter of Isaac and Mary (Winegardner) House, both natives of Virginia and for a number of years residents of Fayette

county, where they died. Mrs. Plyley was born March 1, 1827. They are the parents of nine children, named as follows: Lewis S , William R., Alice E., Jennie B., Edwin S., Thomas J., Elmer C., Lindley H. and Oscar L. He and his wife and a majority of the children are members of the Presbyterian Church.

HON. JAMES WIRT NEWMAN, a journalist and banker of Portsmouth, and ex-Secretary of the State of Ohio, was born near Marshall, Highland county, this State, March 12, 1841, a son of William and Catharine (Ott) Newman. His father was born in Salem, Roanoke county, Virginia, in January, 1807, and his mother was born at Woodstock, Shenandoah county, in 1809. After their marriage they lived for a time at Staunton, and in 1837 came to Portsmouth, Ohio, but afterward removed to Highland county. In 1841, however, they returned to Portsmouth, where they spent the remainder of their lives, the father dying July 24, 1874, and the mother July 8, 1856. The father was a builder and contractor by occupation, and built a large portion of the city of Portsmouth. He also served one term in the State Senate of Ohio, in 1860-61. Mr. and Mrs. Newman had six children, viz.: Anna, wife of Joseph G. Reed, a member of the firm of Reed & Peebles; George O., a lawyer of Portsmouth; William H., a resident of Los Angeles, California; James W., our subject; Rigdon, of Louisville, Kentucky, and Charles H., a minister in the Episcopalian Church, who died at St. Augustine, Florida, May 30, 1887.

James W. Newman, the subject of this sketch, was reared in Portsmouth, where he took the complete course in the public school, and afterward attended the Ohio Wesleyan University, at Delaware, graduating at the latter institution in 1861. He then engaged in the newspaper work, having revived the Portsmouth Times, November 23, 1861, which he published for thirty years, or until he sold a one-half interest in December, 1891, and retired from the management. The Times under his control grew to be one of the most influential papers in the State, and its file for these thirty years bespeaks the ability of Mr. Newman as a writer and his energy and success as as a journalist. The Central Savings Bank of Portsmouth was incorporated in October, 1892, and began business June 5, 1893, with Mr. Newman as President. He wielded a strong influence in Ohio politics through his connection with the Portsmouth Times, and has personally been active in the councils of the Democratic party. He has also been many times honored with official position. During the years of 1868-9 he served in the House of Representatives, from Scioto county, and in the latter year was a candidate for re-election, but was defeated by twenty-three votes. In 1872-3 Mr. Newman was a member of the State Senate, having been elected from the Seventh Ohio District, composed of the counties of Adams, Pike, Scioto and Jackson, and was re-elected for the sessions of 1874-5, during which time he was chairman of the committee on Finance and Benevolent Institutions. In 1882 he was elected Secretary of State of Ohio, by a majority of 19,115, assuming the duties of the office in January, 1883. In the following year he took an active part in the hard-fought presidential campaign, of 1884, heading the

State ticket at the October election, and although he failed of election, he led his ticket as he had at the previous election and received the largest vote ever received by a Democrat up to that time. While serving as Secretary of State, Mr. Newman introduced a system of taxing corporations for their articles of incorporation, a system which has since been developed, and at the present time results in a considerable acquisition to the revenues of the State. On June 20 1885, Mr. Newman was appointed United States Internal Revenue Collector for the Eleventh Ohio District, and served in that position four years. He served on the State Central and State Executive Committees of the Democratic party for many years, and was a delegate to the national convention at Cincinnati that nominated Hancock for president. In 1890 he was chairman of the Committee on Resolutions at the State convention held at Springfield, and was also chairman of the Committee and reported the resolutions to the State convention held at Columbus in 1892. In his social relations, Mr. Newman is Exalted Ruler of Portsmouth Lodge, No. 154, Benevolent Protective of Order Elks, and is also a member of Sigma Chi Greek College Society. He is now serving as president of the Portsmouth Board of Trade.

October 24, 1871, he was united in marriage with Miss Kate Moore. They have one child, Howard O. Mrs. Newman is a daughter of Col. Oscar F. Moore, a native of Wellsville, Jefferson county, Ohio. He studied law at Steubenville, graduated at the Cincinnati Law School, came to Portsmouth about 1841, and resided here until his death, on June 24, 1885. He was one of the ablest lawyers of southern Ohio, and was a lover of his profession. In 1855-6, he was a member of Congress, when Nathaniel P. Banks was speaker. At the outbreak of the civil war, Mr. Moore entered the service as Lieutenant Colonel of the Thirty-third Ohio Regiment, and was afterward promoted to the position of Colonel. He was severely wounded and captured at the battle of Perryville in 1862, but was shortly after paroled. Col. Moore left his impress indelibly upon the history of Portsmouth, and occupies a place in the first rank of the able and noble men of Scioto county.

PROF. HARVEY C. MINNICH, superintendent of the schools of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born near Union, Montgomery county, Ohio, March 10, 1861, son of Adam and Catherine (Zeigler) Minnich, natives of Ohio.

He was reared on a farm in Darke county, this State, and by persistent effort has worked his way up to the high position he now holds among the leading educators of the State. His early education was received in the country schools. After attending six months a select school in Georgetown, Miami county, and six months in the public schools of Greenville, he began, in 1879, teaching in the district schools. He taught school during the winter and attended school during the vacations, graduating at the Ohio Normal University in 1886. In the fall of this year he accepted the position of teacher of natural sciences in the normal school of Fostoria. During the winter of 1886-7 he served his fourth year as principal of the schools of Castine, and resumed his work in the normal school in the spring. After spending two years in post-graduate work at the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, he was elected superintendent of the

schools at Hutchinson, Kansas, from which place he was called, in November, 1892, to assume the duties of superintendent of the Hillsborough schools.

Politically, Professor Minnich is a Republican and takes an active interest in the affairs of his party. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a teacher in the Sabbath-school, and is also identified with the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges. He carries insurance in the Ancient Order United Workmen of Kansas, and the Knights Templar and Masonic Mutual Aid Association of Cincinnati, Ohio.

He was married February 24, 1889, to Miss Bertha B. Minnich, a distant relative of his and a daughter of Samuel B. Minnich, of Castine, Ohio. They have one son, Dwight Elmer, born January 28, 1890.

Before closing this sketch we make brief mention of the Professor's ancestry. The Minnich family is of German descent, and there is a tradition that the origin of the name is from Munich (German, München). The first of the family who came to America settled in Hempfield township, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. The grandfather of our subject came from Pennsylvania to Ohio and located in Montgomery county, where his son Adam was born, and where they were engaged in farming. Both grandfather and father were active members of the German Baptist Church. Adam Minnich is still living, now a resident of Georgetown, Miami county, Ohio. Four of his five sons are living, namely: Granville W., who is a farmer and resides on the old homestead in Darke county; Solomon E., dealer in carriages and agricultural implements at Arcanum, Ohio; Ira C., a stock dealer at Georgetown, Ohio; and Harvey C., the present incumbent in the superintendency of the Hillsborough public schools.

ROBERT I. ROBERTSON, deceased.—Among the many representative men who have lived useful lives and who did their part in building up the community in which they resided, none have done more than the late Robert I. Robertson, who passed away at his home near Bourneville, in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, December 2, 1882.

Mr. Robertson was born near Richmond, Virginia, July 28, 1818. His father, Isaac Robertson, was of Scotch descent. The Robertsons of Scotland were lineal descendants of King Duncan, of whom the best known representatives are the historian and divine William Robertson, the Brighton theologian, Frederick, W. Robertson, Lord Brougham and Mr. Gladstone. The American representatives were Wyndham Robertson, Governor of Virginia, Thomas B. Robertson, Governor of Louisiana, and Judge John Robertson, Attorney-General of the State of Virginia,—all graduates of William and Mary's College. Their education was completed by foreign travel. The best known surviving representative is Colonel Robert I. Fleming, a leading architect of Washington, District of Columbia, whose progenitor, Sir Thomas Fleming, was the second son of the first Earl of Wignot, a singularly distinguished family, who were favorites of successive kings as well as of the people of Scotland.

Robert I. Robertson inherited largely the nervous yet fine mental caliber of his ancestry. While law was his favorite study and practice he filled with proficiency other important offices. On account of ill health he was compelled to remain less active than

he would have done. In all matters of a religious nature he took a foremost stand, especially in Sunday-school work and the education of the young. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

January 7, 1847, he was married to Martha W. Poole, a native of Ross county, born February 22, 1830. Her parents, Henry and Mary Vinson-Haler Poole, were of strong mental endowment, and were early settlers of Ross county. Mr. and Mrs. Robertson were the parents of three children: Mary Margaret, wife of William Erskine Anderson; Virginia E., wife of Thomas P. Steadman; and Sarah A., wife of Henry F. Caldwell. Mr. Robertson left a beautiful home surrounded with all the comforts and luxuries of life, and provided abundantly for his children. He had a high sense of honor, and his life is worthy of emulation.

CHARLES ANDREW MALONE, an active factor in Ross county affairs, was born in Chillicothe, April 24, 1858, and is the only surviving child of John and Matilda (Copping) Malone.

His early education was received from his father, a gentleman of rare intelligence, widely read and possessed of a generous fund of general information.

Later, after a twelve-months' attendance at the public schools and a three-months' course at the private training school of Professor J. H. Poe at Chillicothe, the young man began teaching in the public schools of the county at the age of eighteen.

From 1876 to 1885 Mr. Malone was a prominent figure in the educational circles of Ross county, being in the front rank of his profession, energetic in the advancement of teacher and pupil by urging both to think for themselves. His constant argument with tongue and pen was for mind training—not so much the mere memorizing of set phrases and fixed dates and figures, as the expansion of the mental faculties that they might be readily available in whatever position of life the individual be placed. In 1885 Mr. Malone left the school-room to accept the position of Deputy Probate Judge of Ross county, which he held until 1888, when he went out with the retiring administration. In 1887 he was elected City Clerk of the city of Chillicothe, and re-elected in 1889, 1891 and 1893. On June 27, 1888, he was elected Clerk of the City Board of Health, which office he held until July 10, 1891, when he resigned it. October 13, 1888, he was elected cashier of The Savings Bank Company of Chillicothe, which position he still holds.

On May 13, 1886, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary M. Merkle, of Chillicothe. Mrs. Malone died April 21, 1894, leaving three children: Mary Ryan, Charles Joseph and Rose Griffin.

In politics Mr. Malone is a Democrat—not of the office-seeking variety, however, but on "general principles." In his case it may be truly said the office sought the man. He is a member of the Catholic Church and has been prominent among the adherents of that faith in the local administration of church affairs and in the discussion of current topics among Catholics at home and abroad. Mr. Malone is a man of pronounced temperance views and has earnestly endeavored to rid the Catholic Church of the odium of encouraging the liquor traffic by tolerating the participation in the business by those who at the same time are leaders in the church. His main contention has been for

practical total abstinence among the Catholic clergy, and for the teaching of the benefits of totally abstaining from alcoholic liquors to the rising generation. In this he was ably assisted by his wife during her lifetime, by noble example and earnest work such as only a truly devoted mother, laboring for the welfare of her children, is capable of.

WILLLIAM D. FULLERTON belongs to one of the old and distinguished families of Ross county, Ohio, whose history will be found embodied in the biographical sketch of his father, Dr. William Fullerton.

He was born in the town of Chillicothe, Ohio, November 25, 1849, and received his early education in the public schools and from private tutors. He was a pupil in the military school at Cincinnati, Ohio, and had had thorough mental discipline when he started out upon an independent career at the age of twenty-one years. Going to Kansas City he embarked in the wholesale grocery business and also made some investments in real estate. He remained there until 1872, when he made a trip to the East, and was married to Miss Adelaide Whiting, at Boston. They went to Europe on their wedding journey, traveling for a year through Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and Spain, and touching some of the principal points of interest upon the coast of Africa. Mrs. Fullerton died near the close of the year 1872.

In January, 1873, Mr. Fullerton located in Baltimore, and was engaged in the grain and flour trade until 1886. He exported grain and flour to European and South American ports. As a receiver of grain from the West he became the largest dealer in this line in Baltimore.

He returned to Chillicothe in 1885, and in that year was married to Miss Mary McArthur Madeira, a great-granddaughter of Governor McArthur, of Ohio. They have a family of four children: William Dixon, W. McArthur, Dwight Lyman and Reginald.

Mr. Fullerton retains his interests in real estate in the West, and owns considerable valuable land in Ross county.

He has made a study of the tariff question and financial problems of the age, and speaks with rare intelligence upon these topics. He casts his vote for the Republican party, but believes in a moderate tariff. He and his family occupy an elegant home on East Fifth street, Chillicothe, surrounded by all the comforts which the civilization of the nineteenth century has created.

CLARK W. STORY, senior member of the firm of Story & Smith, dry-goods merchants, Chillicothe, Ohio, is also president of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society, and vice-president of the Ross County National Bank. He is recognized as one of the most enterprising business men in the place and is one of the ablest financiers in the State.

He was born at Cuttingsville, Rutland county, Vermont, in 1851, a son of Jonathan B. and Ann J. (Putnam) Story, natives of New Hampshire and New York respectively. The father was born October 7, 1804, and still survives; he was one of the pioneer settlers of Rutland county, Vermont, and for many years was engaged in the manufacture of carriages. In early times he was a Whig, but now supports the issues of

the Republican party. His wife died at the age of fifty-one years.

Clark W. Story, one of a family of eight children, received a limited education in the common schools of Cuttingsville, and at the age of fourteen years began an independent career, coming to Chillicothe, Ohio. His first employment was clerking in a dry-goods store, continuing with George Herman one year, and then entering the employ of R. B. Smart, with whom he remained seven years. In 1874, in partnership with Edward P. Smith, he embarked in business, opening a stock of dry goods in Chillicothe. They have one of the leading stores in the place, and do a thriving business.

Mr. Story is a stockholder in the Fair Grounds Company, of which he is president. He was elected president of the Scioto Valley Agricultural Society in 1889, and still holds this office. This association makes the largest exhibit excepting the State Fair, and its rather phenomenal success is largely due to the excellent management of Mr. Story and his able associates. He is a stockholder in the Ross County National Bank. He has served on the board of directors and has been vice-president since 1889. This is one of the most substantial banking institutions in the State, and is so recognized by the most careful financiers. Mr. Story owns a farm of 130 acres, known as Grand View. For beauty of situation, fertility of soil and excellence of improvements this place is rarely equaled. He has some fast trotters on this farm, which afford him the keenest pleasure.

Our worthy subject was united in marriage June 16, 1874, to Miss Mary Campbell, a native of Chillicothe, and a daughter of Samuel D. Campbell, deceased, who was one of the wealthiest residents of that city. Mr. and Mrs. Story are the parents of a family of five children: Samuel D., Otis J., J. Burnham, Clark W., Jr., and Mary. Mrs. Story is a member of the Episcopalian Church, and, although her husband is not a member, he is Vestryman, and is a liberal supporter of the society. In politics he is a Republican.

GEORGE GRIMES, of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, has long been identified with the farming interests of this county, and as one of the well-known and highly respected citizens we make biographical mention of him as follows:

Benjamin Grimes, the father of our subject, was a native of Loudoun county, Virginia, and when a young man emigrated to Ohio and settled in Ross county, where he engaged in agricultural pursuits. He was married in this county to Miss Sarah Anthony, a native of North Carolina, and they became the parents of two children, George and William. The latter died in Pickaway county, this State, and the former is the only living representative of the family, his mother having died August 5, 1820, and his father September 30, 1849.

George Grimes was born near Frankfort, Ohio, April 25, 1817. He was reared in Ross county, and the most of his life has been spent here, although he lived two years in Pike county, and from 1834 until 1867 was in Pickaway county. All these years he has been engaged in farming and stock-raising.

Mr. Grimes has been married three times and has had a large family of children. He married his first wife, whose maiden name was Jane Bennett, in Pickaway county,

Ohio, February 1, 1838. She died October 11, 1844. Two of her five children died in infancy, the names of the other three being Elizabeth H., Sarah A. and William J. September 16, 1845, he married Rachel S. Bowdle, who died in Pickaway county, December 22, 1857. She also had five children, four of whom reached adult years, their names being Francis M., John W., Louisa J. and Rachel M. He was married to Ellen Parker, his present wife, April 20, 1858. They have had two children, Altha and Joseph B. The former died July 29, 1880.

Mr. Grimes has been identified with the Republican party ever since its organization, and ever since he was a young man he has been an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

JACOB BLOSSER, owner and proprietor of the Slate Mills, located in Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, is entitled to more than a passing notice on the pages of this work.

He was born in what is now Page county, Virginia (then Shenandoah county), March 12, 1829. His father, Joseph Blosser, born in Shenandoah county, Virginia, March 2, 1795, son of Jacob Blosser, a native of eastern Pennsylvania, born January 13, 1758. The Blosser family originated in Switzerland and emigrated to this country about 1650. Grandfather Jacob Blosser married Barbara Beery, and they spent the closing years of their lives in Mahoning county, where they died, she in 1840, and he in 1844. Joseph Blosser was married April 4, 1822, to Sarah Basye, and the date of their removal from Shenandoah county, Virginia, to Pike county, Ohio, was August 24, 1831. In the latter county he died December 17, 1863. She died in Mercer county, Ohio, November 2, 1876. They had nine children, five sons and four daughters, all of whom reached adult years, the subject of our sketch being the oldest son. He was two years and a half old at the time his parents took up their abode in Pike county, and in that county he was reared. His father being a farmer and miller, young Blosser spent his early life in farming and milling, and after he grew up he rented his father's mill and ran the same on his own account for three years. He then formed a partnership with Jacob Biszantz, in the meantime his father having converted the mill from a water mill into one run by steam, and he and Mr. Biszantz continued to operate the same together until 1863, when they sold out.

In April, 1863, Jacob Blosser came to Ross county, where, in company with his former partner, Mr. Biszantz, he purchased the Slate Flouring Mills, which they operated together about four years. Since that time Mr. Blosser has been the sole owner and proprietor of the establishment. He also purchased the Lunbeck Mills, in company with Mr. G. Frick, and ran the same for about two years. Aside from the milling business, he has also been interested to quite an extent in farming, being now the owner of 1,500 acres of land.

October 18, 1860, Mr. Blosser was married in Pike county, Ohio, to Miss Margaret Biszantz, a daughter of Jacob Biszantz, above referred to. She was born in Pike county, Ohio, December 12, 1844. They are the parents of five living children, namely: Anna, wife of George W. Struckman; Sarah, wife of L. C. Anderson; Jacob, Maggie and Lizzie. They also lost two

children, Mary and John, who died when young.

Politically, Mr. Blosser was formerly a Whig, but has been identified with the Republican party ever since it was organized. He has, however, never been a politician or office-seeker, his own private business requiring his close and constant attention and leaving him little time for anything else. He has long been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A fact worthy of note in connection with his life is that for the past thirty-two years he has been a subscriber of the daily Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

JOHN H. BLACKER, a prominent figure in the political history of Ross county, Ohio, is a native of the Buckeye State, having been born in Pickaway county, August 7, 1859. His father, Henry C. Blacker, is a Virginian by birth. His grandfather, Joseph Blacker, emigrated from the Old Dominion State to Pickaway county, Ohio, about 1820, his brother, Jacob, having settled at Chillicothe as early as 1817. The great-grandfather, John Henry Blacker, whose full patronymic our subject bears, emigrated to America from Germany with the closing years of the Revolutionary war and was married in Virginia to a Miss Elizabeth Myers. The grandfather, Joseph, was a blacksmith by trade, and for many years he followed this vocation in Ohio, near what is known as "round prairie," on Deer creek. In latter years, however, he turned his attention to farming. He died at the age of sixty-eight years.

Henry C. Blacker, father of our subject, in early life removed to Pickaway county with his mother and engaged in farming and stock-raising. His ability and untiring energy soon pushed him to the front and for the past forty years he has been widely known throughout this part of the State as one of the most prosperous farmers of Pickaway county. He is the owner of more than 300 acres of excellent land, and is passing his declining years in well merited repose, having already passed his allotted "three-score years and ten." Politically he supports the principles and policies of the Democratic party, and was twice elected to office by the Democrats of Pickaway county. He married Mariam Bowsher, a daughter of Anthony Bowsher, who was a Pennsylvanian by birth and who was one of the early settlers of Pickaway county, Ohio. Mariam Blacker became the mother of thirteen children, eleven of whom lived to attain mature years. She entered into eternal rest January 2, 1893; she was a member of the Evangelical Church and her daily life was ever in accord with the Christian principles which she maintained.

John H. Blacker is the sixth child of the thirteen; his educational advantages in his youth were confined to the district schools, but at the age of twenty-one years he entered the Ada, Ohio, Normal School, and after two years of study in that institution he engaged in teaching, following this calling for one term in Pickaway county. In 1881 he passed from the educational to the commercial ranks, going to Clarksburg, Ohio, where he began clerking in the store of his brother-in-law, E. W. Templin. Four years later he purchased the stock, and continued the enterprise until September, 1888, when he formed a partnership with J. M. Graham. Their association continued until the autumn of 1890, when Mr. Blacker was

John H. Blacker

elected to the office of Sheriff of Ross county. The attention of prominent Democrats throughout the county had been drawn to Mr. Blacker from the fact that he had been five times elected Treasurer of Deerfield township, which was then known as the banner Republican precinct in Ross county. This personal popularity told its own story, and he was tendered in turn the nomination as County Commissioner, Auditor, and Sheriff, which last he finally accepted. Although the county was Republican by a majority of 300, he was elected by a majority of 135 votes.

He was re-elected in the fall of 1892 by a majority of 400, the county going for Harrison by a majority of 150. These are statistics that require no comment.

Mr. Blacker was married July 6, 1885, to Miss Mary M. Rankin, a native of Ross county. They have four children: Mariam, Coit, Neal, and Stanley, who died at the age of eight months.

Our subject is a member of the camp of the I. O. O. F. and of the B. P. O. E. In addition to his official business he manages a farm of 200 acres, three-fifths of which he owns, the place being located in Pickaway county, just over the line dividing the same from Ross county. He also superintends the cultivation of a farm of 200 acres, which is the property of a boy whose guardian he is. Mr. Blacker is honored as a man and a citizen, enjoys a marked popularity and the implicit confidence of the people of his section.

REINHARD WISSLER, deceased, was the founder of the extensive brewing business which is now conducted by his two sons on Western avenue, Chillicothe, Ohio; he was one of early settlers of this city, and was a liberal supporter of many of her enterprises. The following space will be devoted to a brief sketch of his life.

He was born in Schwartzwald, Germany, August 4, 1827, and was reared and educated in the "Fatherland." In 1852 he bade farewell to the scenes of his youth and crossed the sea to America, full of ambitious hope for the future. He came directly to Chillicothe, and until 1856 was engaged in the manufacture of carriages. He then turned his attention to the brewing of beer, and established himself in business on the site now occupied by a much more pretentious plant. He began brewing lager beer in 1866, and increased and improved his facilities from time to time until he owned one of the largest and most complete plants in the Scioto valley. In 1878 he began bottling a fine grade of beer, which has found a ready demand throughout the valley. Possessing superior business qualifications, excellent judgment and untiring energy, he came to be recognized as one of the leading business men of Ross county. In the manufacture and care of goods he exercised the greatest care, and the entire establishment "from cellar to garret" was kept scrupulously neat and clean.

Mr. Wissler passed from this life to the unknown future, May 27, 1885, leaving a widow and ten children. He married Catherine Highly, a native of Germany, who came to America in her childhood, and of this union ten children were born, all of whom are living: Elisa, Flora, Anna, Otto, Emma, George, Albert, Charles, Reinhard, Jr., and Kate. The mother occupies the handsome residence erected by her deceased husband in 1870.

Politically Mr. Wissler adhered to the principles of the Republican party, but in local elections voted for the man he considered best fitted to discharge the obligations he was offering to assume. In 1884 he sold the entire brewing business to his sons, Otto and George, who have maintained the same high standard of excellence achieved by their father. They manufacture annually 5,000 barrels of beer, and have a patronage demanding all the goods they can supply. In addition to the brewing business they are connected with other enterprises calculated to advance the interests of Chillicothe, and are numbered among the rising young men of the city.

MATTHEW SCOTT COOK, deceased.—The subject of this memoir held at the time of his demise distinctive position as one of the old and highly honored residents of Ross county, and it is eminently consistent that specific mention be here accorded him. He was born eight miles north of Chillicothe, Ohio, in Union township, Ross county, on the 9th of April, 1803. His father, Judge Isaac Cook, was a native of Wallingford, Connecticut, and he was united in marriage to Margaret Scott, at her home in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania, in 1792. Both were descended from Puritan ancestors and were imbued with those sterling traits which so strongly marked the character of their forefathers. Judge Cook made his first visit to Ohio in 1795, coming as far as Greenville. He was present at the conclusion of Wayne's treaty of peace with the Indians, and during the time of his sojourn on the frontier he made close observations as to the conditions, resources and possibilities of the then undeveloped section. In the spring of 1796 he removed with his family to the beautiful Scioto valley, locating upon a fertile tract of land, where he at once began to test the productive value of soil and climate.

Ohio was admitted to the Union as a State in 1802, and the next year Judge Cook served in the legislature of the infant commonwealth,—an office which he continued to fill for successive terms,—being conspicuously identified with the furtherance of measures of great importance to the settlers in this section. He received from the legislature the appointment as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and was thrice re-appointed, serving in this capacity for twenty-eight years. His death occurred in 1842, at which time he was the owner of a handsome estate.

Matthew Scott Cook was the sixth of a family of twelve children. He attended the primitive pioneer schools during the winter months and also received careful instruction from his mother, who was a woman of strong intellectuality. He early evinced a desire to fit himself for the practice of law, and with this end in view he began a course of reading in the office of a Mr. Atkinson, of Chillicothe, continuing his studies for one year. Mr. Atkinson then removed from Chillicothe and our subject, who was yet a young man, being about twenty years of age, began the study of surveying with Colonel Bourne and Allen Laetram, the latter of whom was Surveyor-General of the military lessees of the Virginia military district of Ohio. Mr. Cook became a clerk in this connection and while thus employed began to locate land warrants, later on forming a partnership with a Mr. Ellison, of Adams county. Sub-

sequently this partnership was dissolved and Mr. Cook continued in the same line of enterprise in Ross county. He eventually purchased a tract of land in Union township, on Paint creek, settling upon the same shortly after his marriage. The place became known as "Buena Vista" and was his home until 1879, when he removed to Chillicothe. The beautiful farm-stead contained 300 acres of as choice land as lies within the borders of Ross county, and it was brought to a high state of cultivation. Mr. Cook also owned 1,500 acres of land in Fayette county, the same being utilized for grazing purposes. He dealt extensively in live stock, raising and feeding large droves of cattle, which were shipped to the Eastern markets.

He was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1850 and served one term, within which time he contracted a severe cold, which resulted in the serious impairment of his health, compelling his retirement from active life for a period. He was one of the directors of the old State Bank of Chillicothe, and also of the First National Bank, of which he was one of the incorporators. For many years he was a stockholder and director of the old Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, now constituting a portion of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern system.

The marriage of Mr. Cook occurred in 1840, when he was united to Miss Eleanor Worthington Tiffin, a daughter of Edward Tiffin, the first Governor of Ohio, and a man whose name is prominent in the history of the State. Mrs. Cook was born in Chillicothe, and still occupies her old homestead, on West Fifth street. They were the parents of nine children, of whom we offer the following brief record: Mrs. Mary Manly, Mrs. Margaret Gilmore, Edward T., Diathea, Matthew Scott, deceased; Mrs. Lucy McCandless, Maria W. and Eleanor J., twins, the former of whom is now Mrs. Towar; and William E. Both the father and mother became members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and during his lifetime Mr. Cook was one of its most liberal supporters. In politics he was an ardent Republican, ever maintaining a lively interest in its policies and measures.

He was a man of superior business qualifications, and in the amassing of his fortune did much to conserve the development and best interests of his county, standing ever ready to lend his influence and support to measures beneficial to public interests. His methods were of the most correct order and he enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. His career, which was one of signal activity and usefulness, came to its close November 28, 1882, when he was called to eternal rest. His memory is held in lasting honor and his character and work have left an indelible impress upon the history of that county of which he was so long a resident.

DR. WILLIAM E. MOORE, who has been city physician of Chillicothe for the past five years, is a native of the State of Ohio, born in the city in which he now resides in 1845.

His father was James J. Moore, one of the early physicians of Ross county, and a man greatly respected and beloved; his grandfather, James Moore, was a native of Virginia, and was an extensive planter and slave-owner in the old Dominion State; he was of Scotch-Irish descent, and lived to the ripe old age of ninety years. Dr. James

J. Moore was a Virginian by birth, and was reared and educated in the State of his nativity. He began the study of medicine in his youth, and in 1833 located in Chillicothe, Ohio. He was united in marriage to Harriet Ryan, a daughter of Gen. James Ryan, one of the early settlers of Ross county, and a very prominent character in her history. Mrs. Moore died at the age of seventy years. Dr. Moore had an extensive practice here from 1833 until the time of his death in 1872. In politics he supported the principles of the Whig party, and in later years gave his allegiance to the Republican party.

William E. Moore, the fourth of a family of six children, attended the common schools of his native town, and was afterward a student in Wittenberg College, Springfield, Ohio, completing the scientific course at this institution in 1867. Two years later he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his father and Dr. J. D. French of Chillicothe; after due preparation he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, and finished his lectures there in 1872, receiving the degree of M. D. The year of his graduation and beginning of his career as a practitioner saw the close of his father's life. He entered the path which his father had trodden with undaunted courage so many years, and with hopeful ambition took up the burden which had been relinquished at the final summons.

Dr. Moore was married to Miss Alice Brown, and they have one child, William L., who resides with his father. Dr. Moore was again married April 9, 1891, to Viola Dudley Vanbibber, who was born at Mineral, Vinton county, Ohio.

The Doctor was elected to the office of City Physician in 1889, and has discharged his duties in this capacity with unwavering fidelity. He has a good general practice in the city and country, and has been very successful in surgery and general practice. Politically he votes with the Republican party.

JWALTER DRAKE, D. D. S., is the oldest practicing dentist in Chillicothe, Ohio, and stands at the head of the profession in Ross county. He was born at West Liberty, Logan county, Ohio, September 11, 1852, a son of Louis I. Drake, a native of Hamilton county, Ohio. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Drake, was a native of Somerset county, New Jersey, and was one of the pioneer settlers of Hamilton county, Ohio. He married Eliza P. Mead, of Connecticut, who could trace her lineage back to an ancestor who came over in the May Flower. Louis I. Drake, his son, is a minister in the Presbyterian Church, and had a long and useful career in Ohio. Five years ago he removed to Humboldt, Kansas, where he is still engaged in the work of the ministry. He married Mary A. Gaston, a native of Butler county, Ohio, and to them were born ten children, only four of whom grew to years of maturity. Dr. Drake's paternal great-grandfather, William Drake, was born in New Brunswick, New Jersey, and married Ann Teviell. William Drake was a private soldier in the Revolutionary war.

Dr. Drake is the eldest of this family. He acquired his literary education in the common schools of West Liberty, and began the study of his profession in that town in 1872, under the direction of Dr. D. W. Gill. With this preliminary preparation he entered the Ohio Dental College

at Cincinnati, and then spent a year in study in the Philadelphia Dental College, and was graduated at this institution in 1874.

Dr. Drake settled in West Liberty, Ohio, and there began the practice of his profession. After five years of successful work there he removed to Chillicothe, December 1, 1880. He is very progressive in his ideas, and is fully abreast of the times in improved methods and the use of the latest and best appliances, and enjoys the largest practice in Chillicothe.

He was married January 23, 1884, to Miss Lizzie M. Woodward, who was born in Logan county, Ohio, at West Liberty. They are the parents of one child, a son named Louis W. Both are members of the First Presbyterian Church. In his political opinions the Doctor adheres to the principles of Republicanism. He is a man of sterling worth, and worthy of the respect which he enjoys.

CHARLES J. MILLER, of the firm of C. J. Miller & Sons, boot and shoe jobbers, Chillicothe, Ohio, is one of the oldest merchants now doing business in this place. He is a citizen of the United States by adoption, his native land being England, where he was born in the year 1820. His father, Joseph Miller, a native of Scotland, emigrated to America in 1831, and the following year returned to England for his family, and when he came back he located in Chillicothe and passed the remainder of his life here; he died at the age of seventy years. He married Margaret Davis, a native of Wales, and to them were born a son and a daughter. The mother survived to the age of seventy-five years. They were both worthy members of the Episcopalian Church.

Charles J. was a lad of eleven years when his parents crossed the sea to America. He was a pupil in the old Chillicothe Academy until fourteen years old, when he began as clerk in the general store of William Ross, one of the pioneer merchants of Ross county. Here he received excellent discipline in the most correct business methods, and after some years bought the store and managed the establishment until 1864. In the big fire of April 1, 1853, he was burned out, but with the small stock saved started again in business within a week. In early days he traveled to Philadelphia to purchase goods, making the journey by stage over the mountains, six days being considered rapid transit. The goods were shipped mainly by water, and from thirty to forty days were required for transportation. He sold his store in 1864, and during the six years following was engaged in buying wool. At the same time he was interested in the nursery business, but as this industry proved unsatisfactory in the results secured, he abandoned it.

The business now conducted under the firm name of C. J. Miller & Sons was established in 1870; the firm was then known as Miller, Patterson & Co., and was finally changed to Miller & Cutler; later John Seip, bookkeeper for the establishment, became a partner. This relationship existed until January 1, 1893, when C. J. Miller & Sons assumed control. They employ several traveling salesmen, and have an extensive patronage in southern Ohio, Kentucky and West Virginia.

Mr. Miller was united in marriage in 1850 to Miss Julia Dawson, a native of Ohio. They have had three children:

Joseph W., of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary H., and Charles O. The father and mother are steadfast members of the Episcopal church.

Politically Mr. Miller adheres to the principles of the Republican party. For many years he has been a director of the Ross County National Bank, and is considered one of the shrewdest and safest financiers in the county. He is a man of the strictest integrity and has the entire confidence of his business associates.

JUDGE GEORGE B. BITZER, a distinguished citizen of Chillicothe and Probate Judge of Ross county, Ohio, is one of the most popular officials in the State, and the following biographical sketch will be found of great interest to his many admirers.

He was born at Adelphi, this county, April 15, 1852, a son of Anthony G. Bitzer, a native of Colerain township, Ross county. Conrad Bitzer, his grandfather, was born at Buffalo Valley, Pennsylvania, and was descended from German ancestors. He was one of the sturdy pioneers of Colerain township, and developed a farm in the heart of the forest; he died at the age of ninety-two years, retaining almost until the very last the remarkable vigor of his youth. Anthony G. Bitzer was the proprietor of the hotel at Adelphi, and also superintended the cultivation of his farm near that village. He married Catherine Strawser, also a native of Ross county, and a daughter of Henry Strawser, a Pennsylvanian by birth, of German descent, who was one of the first settlers of Colerain township, and endured many privations and hardships of the frontier; he died at the age of eighty-nine years. The father of our subject died at the age of seventy-six years. They had eight children, six of whom grew to maturity.

George B., in common with the other children of the early settlers, did not enjoy the educational facilities now offered the American youth in the excellent public system of to-day; he improved the opportunities that came to him, and at the age of fifteen received a certificate as teacher. For eleven years he was engaged in teaching, attending the Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio, during his vacations. In his youth he had cherished a fond hope of entering the legal profession, but by some chance of fortune he began to read medicine, and for eighteen months devoted his efforts to a preparation for entering Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia. During all this time a strong regret filled his heart, and finally he took his destiny in his own hands and abandoned medicine forever. He entered the office of Van Meter & Throckmorton, Chillicothe, and there began a course of study for the law; this effort ended in his admission to the bar in 1878. He at once engaged in the practice of his profesSsion, and in the autumn of 1878 he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of Ross county on the Republican ticket. This was an early recognition of his ability, and he made a model officer; he was, however, defeated on the second race, although he ran ahead of his ticket 200 votes. In 1887, at the age of thirty-five years, he was elected Probate Judge of Ross county; this was one of the most hotly contested campaigns in the history of Ross county. He was elected his own successor in 1890, a testimonial to his merit and just administration heartily appreciated. Judge Bitzer has during his term of office made many admirable reforms and has reduced much of the business to a

system, all of which is warmly commended by the bar regardless of party lines. Politically, he adheres to the principles of the Republican party, a straight departure from his ancestral example. As a public speaker he has more than a local reputation, and his services as orator are always in demand upon occasions of national celebration.

The Judge was married December 15, 1880, to Louisa J. Grimes, a native of Ross county, Ohio. Of their five children four are living: Altha M., Edwin S. and George E., twins, the latter of whom died at the age of seven years: Florence C. and Clarkson B. Judge Bitzer and wife have been members of the Methodist Episcopal Church from childhood, and are prominently identified with the church in Chillicothe. Of marked domestic traits our worthy subject is devoted to his family, spending all his leisure in their society. He is a lover of standard literature and a wide reader upon many subjects, gathering the best ideas of the advanced thought of the times.

WINFIELD SCOTT CLARK, ex-Sheriff of Ross county, was born at Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio, September 6, 1847.

His father, Edward B. Clark, was born at Clarksburg, Ross county, June 21, 1809, and was a son of William Henry Clark, the descendant of sturdy Scotch ancestors who emigrated to America in early times and sought out new homes for themselves and their posterity in the "land of liberty." Edward B. Clark grew to mature years surrounded by the influences of the frontier, receiving a limited education in the old log school-house in Deerfield township. He embarked in mercantile trade in early manhood, and was a merchant all his life. He had business establishments at Clarksburg, Willlamsport, and Circleville in Pickaway county, and at Yellow Bud and Chillicothe, Ross county. He died December 27, 1888, aged eighty years. He was an adherent of the Whig party, and upon its extinction gave his allegiance to the Republican party. He was a strong Union man during the late civil war, and was of more than ordinary intelligence and executive ability. He married Elizabeth Thomson at Chillicothe, Ohio, and they had nine children, all of whom grew to maturity; the mother died at the age of sixty-four years.

Winfield Scott Clark, the eighth born of the above family, at the age of fifteen years began an independent career, assuming the responsibility of his own support. Fired by the zeal of the young patriot, he enlisted, May 2, 1864, in Company K, One Hundred and Fifty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was mustered into the service at Camp Denison. He was on the raids through Virginia and North Carolina, and was mustered out August 27, 1864. Returning to his home he attended a term of school at Circleville, and then clerked in his father's store. For a year and a half he was clerk in the Pickaway House. Before coming to Chillicothe, April 6, 1874, he spent a few months in Indiana, and from April 9, 1874, was clerk in Hotel Emmitt, Chillicothe, Ohio, for three years.

Mr. Clark was united in marriage, December 30, 1875, to Lucy Moore, who was born in Ross county, Ohio. They are the parents of five children: Archer, who died in infancy; Anna F., Benjamin M., Minerva H. and Winfield Scott, Jr.

In 1879 Mr. Clark engaged in the fire-insurance business, and now represents the

following companies: The Germania of New York, Northern of England, New Hampshire, of Manchester, New Hampshire, Firemen's Fund of San Francisco, California; German of Freeport, Illinois; Milwaukee Mechanics', National of Cincinnati, Columbia of Dayton, and Westchester of New York. He has secured a large patronage throughout the county, and has had only six losses in the city since 1879. He was book-keeper for the wholesale grocery firm of Platter & Barrere from 1882 to 1884.

The people of Ross county elected our worthy subject to the office of Sheriff in October, 1884, and re-elected him in 1886, his majority increasing from 35 to 547. His administration was considered one of the best the county has known. He is a member of the Board of Education of Chillicothe, Ohio, from the Second ward. Politically he acts with the Republican party, and takes an active interest in the leading questions of the day. He is a member of A. L. Brown Post, No. 162, G. A. R., and belongs to the order of Elks. He is the efficient secretary of the Mutual Loan and Savings Association, which was organized in April, 1888. In addition to the extensive business mentioned, Mr. Clark owns a farm of 150 acres in Monroe township, Pickaway county. His residence is at Carlisle Place, overlooking the city of Chillicothe. He is a man of strict integrity and good executive ability, and is held in the highest respect throughout the county.

CHARLES HOYT, M. D., one of the leading practitioners of Chillicothe, Ohio, is entitled to representation in this volume. He was born in the Dominion of Canada, January 20, 1854, a son of Nason Hoyt, a native of New Hampshire and grandson of Nason Hoyt, Sr., who also was born in New England. The family is of English descent, the first settlers in this country having crossed the sea in 1635.

Nason Hoyt, Sr., was a merchant in his native State, and there passed his entire life. His son Nason was a farmer by occupation. He removed from New Hampshire to Canada, and thence to Chautauqua county, New York, where he passed the last days of his life; he died at the age of sixty-eight years. He was united in marriage with Susan Webster, a native of New Hampshire, and to them were born eleven children; the mother died at the age of seventy-three years. They were zealous and intelligent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and were highly respected members of the community in which they resided. Dr. Charles Hoyt is the youngest of the family. He was a pupil in the public schools of Chautauqua, New York, and finished the course prescribed by the board of education. He then engaged in teaching, and occupied his leisure during this time to reading medicine.

Having fully determined upon the profession of medicine he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and entered the Pulte Medical College, where he pursued the regular course. When he was graduated he located in Hillsborough, Ohio, and began his career as a practitioner in partnership with his brother, Dr. William Hoyt. In the spring of 1880 he removed to Chillicothe, where he has since resided. He has in all the years of his practice never lost the vigilance of the true student of Nature and her destroyer; he has been a tireless reader of the many journals

devoted to medicine and kindred subjects, and has collected a choice library of standard works of the great authors of all ages. He is a member of the American Institute of Homœopathy, and of the International Hahnemannian Association; he also belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society.

Dr. Hoyt was married September 6, 1883, to Miss Helen E. Will, who was born at McArthur, Ohio. Two children have been born in their family,—Loy and Donald. In politics the Doctor adheres stanchly to the principles of the Republican party, and he is an honored member of the Masonic fraternity.

REV. HENRY W. BRIGGS, D. D., after a pastorate of twenty-eight years in the First Presbyterian Church of Chillicothe, Ohio, is retired from active service, but is still the recipient of the bounty of his beloved congregation. He was born at Frankfort, Pennsylvania, now a portion of Philadelphia, March 15, 1828, a son of Thomas J. Briggs, who was born in the city of New York. The paternal grandfather was a native of England, but emigrated to America in 1796, two years later he was stricken with yellow fever and died. Thomas J. Briggs was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, but spent most of his life in teaching and became one of the most widely known of the early educators of this State. He was a graduate of Princeton College, and was pastor of the Frankfort, Pennsylvania, church from 1819 until 1832, when he came to the West to assume the duties of the chair of Ecclesiastical History in Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, which had been endowed by his personal friends in Frankfort. He taught there until 1840, and was then elected president of the old Cincinnati College, a position he held five years. The building was destroyed by fire in 1845, and he was then elected president of Woodward College and remained there five years. At the end of this time he became the pastor of the Fifth Presbyterian Church of Cincinnati, Ohio, and continued in this capacity until his death in 1864, when he was aged seventy-six years. He married Rebecca Neff, a native of Frankfort, Pennsylvania, and a daughter of Peter Neff, a native of Switzerland and one of the pioneers of Frankfort, Pennsylvania. Rebecca Briggs died at the age of ninety-three years.

Dr. Briggs, the fifth of a family of seven children, passed his youth in Cincinnati and enjoyed exceptional educational advantages, graduating at the Cincinnati College in 1845, after completing the classical course; he then entered Princeton College and finished the course in 1851. During the two years following he was home missionary in Indiana, and then became pastor of the Princeton church in Gibson county, Indiana, but after two years of service was compelled to resign on account of ill health. After a year he went into Virginia, and was pastor of the church in Morgantown from 1856 until 1864, when he came to Chillicothe. For twenty-eight years he was pastor to the congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, retiring in September, 1892. During his ministry he has married nearly a thousand couples and has performed the last rites over the bodies of a thousand departed souls. He received into the church here 790 people, but of the 225 members in the church when he assumed the duties of pastor only ten or twelve remain. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred

upon Dr. Briggs in 1876 by the Wooster (Ohio) University.

Dr. Briggs was united in marriage, August 18, 1853, to Miss Cornelia Poinier, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Although no children have been born to them they have been father and mother to the deserted and the orphan in distress.

In politics the Doctor sympathizes with the Republican party. During the war he was appointed Chaplain of a regiment by the Governor of West Virginia, but his church refused to let him go. His ministry has been one of continued effort to meet the responsibilities of his position with courage and fidelity, and his people have never looked to him for guidance and counsel in vain.

WILLARD A. HALL, M. D., a leading surgeon, was born in Washington county, Ohio, September 10, 1851, a son of Joseph B. Hall, a native of the State of New York. The paternal grandfather, Justice Hall, was a native of England, brought to America by his father, settling in the Dominion of Canada, and was driven out by the Tories during the Revolutionary war. He was a millright by trade, and erected some of the first mills built near Marietta, Ohio, whither he removed soon after coming into the United States. He died in Wisconsin at the residence of his son, lacking a few days of attaining his one hundredth year. His son Joseph B. was also a millwright, and followed this vocation for many years; in later life he turned his attention to agriculture. He married Irena Bartlett, a native of Massachusetts, and to them were born twelve children. The father died at the age of seventy-five years, and the mother lived to be seventy-six years old; they were intelligent members of the Baptist Church, and had the respect of all who knew them. Mr. Hall was a Democrat until the late war, and after that conflict cast his vote for the Republican party.

Dr. Hall is the eighth of the family of twelve. He attended the common schools and was also a pupil in the Caldwell Normal School. When he had attained his majority he chose the profession of medicine, and devoted himself to the pursuit of the science until he was graduated at the Miami Medical College at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1876. Immediately following this event occurred his marriage to Della J. Haga, with whom he was united August 30, 1876. Mrs. Hall was born in Noble county, Ohio; their only child, Harry Scott, died at the age of two years.

Beginning his professional career at Bourneville, Ohio, Dr. Hall practiced there two years. He removed to Chillicothe, March 17, 1878, and has worked with uninterrupted success, relieving and healing suffering humanity. He has done some fine surgical operations that have won for him a place in the front ranks of the most skillful members of the profession. He is a close student of the leading medical and scientific publications, keeping closely in touch with the advanced thoughts and methods of the times. He is a member of the State Medical Society. Outside of his profession he is a Sir Knight in Masonry: he belongs to the I. O. O. F. and to the order of Elks. Politically he coincides with the Republican party. He and his wife are worthy members of the Baptist Church, and are highly esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintances.

COL. THOMAS L. MACKEY, a venerable citizen of Chillicothe, Ohio, has been for many years identified with the interests of Ross county, and has taken great pride in the advancement of her many enterprises and the development of her natural resources. He was born at Elkton, Maryland, September 8, 1813, and is the youngest of the four children of Thomas Mackey, a native of the north of Ireland, and Catharine Evans Mackey, who was born in Maryland. The father died three days before the birth of his youngest son, and the mother survived until the infant was nine days old, when she, too, passed away. The child was taken by an uncle to Woodford county, Kentucky, where he grew to years of maturity. His educational opportunities were the most meager, his attendance at school being limited to a day and a half. At the age of fourteen years he was apprenticed to learn the saddler's trade, and served five years, receiving his board and clothing. When he had mastered the business he visited several different places, and finally came to Ohio, settling in Frankfort, Ross county, in 1833. He worked at his trade for a time and then embarked in the mercantile trade; later he dealt extensively in horses, buying large droves, which he took over the mountains to the Eastern markets; he was an excellent judge of "horse-flesh," and many a fine steed through his agency found an owner in the East.

When the war broke out in 1861, although Col. Mackey was over age, he raised Company C, Eleventh Ohio Cavalry, and was commissioned Captain of the company; was afterward promoted to the office of Major, September 21, 1862, and May 1, 1865, was made Colonel He was sent in the beginning to the western frontier, and his first engagement was at South Pass, on the dividing ridge of the Rocky mountains, November 24, 1862. He took part in many battles with the Indians, and suffered untold hardships and vicissitudes, many of his comrades dying from exposure to cold. Among the most notable engagements may be mentioned Sweet Water Bridge, Mud Springs, Rush Creek, Fort Marshall, Deer Creek Station, Camp Marshall, St. Mary's Station, Elkhorn, Sage Creek Station, Rock Creek, Platte Bridge, Powder River and Indian Village. During this period of five years he had no furlough and did not visit his family until the end of the war. He came to Chillicothe, whither his family had removed, and resumed the occupations of civilization.

He first conducted a livery business until he was elected Chief of Police, a position he filled four years. He was then elected Sheriff of Ross county, and in the term of four years had some noted criminals in his charge. It became his duty as an officer to conduct the execution of Perry Bowsher, the second man hung in Ross county. For some years past Col. Mackey has lived a life retired from active occupation.

He was united in marriage, October 1, 1835, to Elizabeth C. Wiley, a native of Ohio. Mrs. Mackey is now seventy-eight years old, and they have traveled life's journey together fifty-eight years. They are the parents of ten children, nine of whom they have seen attain maturity: Thomas B.; John S.; Samuel E.; Elizabeth, wife of Col. W. C. LaFever; Maria, wife of A. F. Brown; Elvira M., wife of E. D. Harkness; William D., Charles C., and Ella, wife of A. W. Buckmaster. In early times Col. Mackey was a Whig, but he is

now an ardent supporter of the Republican party; he belongs to the G. A. R., and to the Masonic order; he and his most estimable wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Whether as a law-abiding, enterprising citizen, as a brave and loyal soldier defending the flag of his country on the wind-swept prairie or the bleak mountain-side, or as a stanch and tried friend, no man stands higher in the estimation of the people of Ross county than Col. Mackey.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN MIESSE, M. D., of Chillicothe, Ohio, is a native of this State, born at Delaware, March 6, 1841. The first member of the family to emigrate to America was Daniel Miesse, who came from Alsace, Prussia, in 1760, locating in Pennsylvania; the year of his birth was 1744. He enlisted in the service of his adopted country, and helped to keep the fires burning the night the army crossed the Delaware river; when the war was ended he settled near Reading, Pennsylvania. Here was born Jacob Miesse, grandfather of Dr. Miesse; he was a farmer by occupation and died at Lebanon, Pennsylvania, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. He was a fine penman and for many years was magistrate, being a man whom all held in profound respect. Benjamin Miesse, M. D., father of Dr. B. F. Miesse, was one of a family of seven sons and one daughter. He was graduated at the Pennsylvania Medical College in Philadelphia in 1847, and immediately thereafter came West, settling at Athens, Ohio. He established himself in practice, his patients being scattered over a wide extent of territory. He married Sophia G. Carpenter, who died at Circleville, Ohio; his second marriage was to Mrs. Annie Long. There were three sons of the first union: Benjamin F., Morris H., a physician at Circleville; and Edson B., deceased; a son and daughter were born of the second marriage, the former being deceased. The father died at Middletown, Pennsylvania, in 1854. He was a skillful physician, and did a noble work among the early settlers of this section.

Dr. B. F. Miesse acquired his literary education in the Ohio University at Athens, where he pursued the scientific course to its completion, graduating in 1861, and then began the study of medicine at Chillicothe under Dr. Jonathan Miesse, his uncle, who had a large practice here. When he was ready to attend lectures he went to New York city and entered Bellevue Hospital Medical College, where he was graduated in 1865.

In the spring of 1864, when the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry regiment was organized, Dr. Miesse went out as assistant surgeon, and received his commission as Captain. He remained on duty through the summer and fall, and also served as hospital nurse in the Vicksburg campaign. In the spring of 1865 he came to Chillicothe and located here for the purpose of engaging in practice. In 1866 and 1867 he was Health Officer of Chillicothe.

Possessing a great love of travel the Doctor has been able to gratify this taste to a much larger extent than usual. In 1878 he visited the continent of Europe and spent seven months in sight-seeing and at the hospitals of the great cities. Again, in 1887, he crossed the Atlantic and made a

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tour of Egypt, Palestine, Turkey and Greece, giving special attention to the status of his profession in those countries. These trips have been of much value to him, considered either from a social or a professional standpoint. He has a good practice and has made a specialty of chronic diseases.

He was married in October, 1866, to Miss Sarah A. Rupel, and of this union six children have been born: Ida, Dr. Charles, Oscar, Frank H., Florence M., and Sophia, who died in infancy.

Politically, the Doctor coincides with the Republican party. He has held many of the local offices, and for seven years has been a member of the School Board, taking a deep interest in the educational facilities afforded the youth of his State. He is a member of the Masonic order, the Knights of Pythias and G. A. R., and both he and his wife belong to the Methodist Episcopal Church.

REV. A. D. DEXTER, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Roman Catholic, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born at Frankfort, Ross county, Ohio, May 18, 1846, a son of George M. Dexter.

His father was born in Lincolnshire, England, June 4, 1816, finished the course of the Lincolnshire Academy, was an excellent scribe, and secured employment in a lawyer's office, where he had many opportunities of improving his mind. In 1835 his parents, John and Sarah Dexter, emigrated to America, and he accompanied them, locating in Ross county. It was not long before he secured a position as teacher in the district school, but the close confinement impaired his health, and he was obliged to seek more active employment, and he turned his attention to farming. In his religious faith he was a Protestant, but in 1843, after three years of study and meditation, he embraced the Catholic faith and was received into the church at Chillicothe. He was united in marriage in August, 1845, to Miss Mary McNally, a native of county Londonderry, Ireland, who crossed the sea to the new world at the age of sixteen years, and died in this country, leaving a family of four children. Mr. Dexter died May 4, 1882, honored and respected by all who knew him.

Father Dexter, the eldest of the four children, received his education in the common schools, and became accustomed to the labor of the farm where he grew to years of maturity. Entering St. Mary's Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio, he continued his studies there for six years, and then spent three years in the theological department of the same institution. After his graduation he was ordained, September 23, 1876, and then came to Chillicothe, where he celebrated his first mass and delivered his initiatory sermon. He was then appointed pastor of the congregation at Kenton, Ohio, where he remained four and a half years as assistant; one was then spent as assistant priest at Bellefontaine, Ohio, after which he was transferred to Marysville, Ohio; he has also had charge of congregations at Mechanicsburg, North Lewisburg, Woodstock and Milford Center. He was assigned to Chillicothe, September 23, 1889, and under his ministration the church has prospered. There are 160 families represented in the congregation, and 160 children attend the parochial school.

In politics Father Dexter supports the

principles of the Democratic party, but is independent in casting his suffrage, deeming man above measures. He is a man of keen intelligence, of broad and liberal views, and highly esteemed by the entire community.

The brothers and sisters of Father Dexter are: James A., who married Miss Joanna Powers, and they have one son, Alfred D. Mr. and Mrs. James A. Dexter reside on their farm near Frankford, Ross county, Ohio; Mary E., wife of Michael Flynn, who is a merchant of Frankford, Ross county, Ohio; Sarah C., who resides with her brother, Father Dexter, in Chillicothe.

JOSEPH STEWART has been a conspicuous figure in commercial circles in Ross county since 1837, and is one of the old and highly respected citizens of Chillicothe, Ohio.

He was born in Ross county, Ohio, July 13, 1815, a son of James Stewart, a native of county Londonderry, Ireland, who emigrated to America in 1792 and first located in Philadelphia, where he resided two years; he then came to Pittsburg, and several months later journeyed down the Ohio river to Gallipolis, and thence to Ross county. He built a log cabin on Walnut creek in the wilderness; wild animals roamed at will, and the Indians frequented this region. Mr. Stewart's family was small and he had but three neighbors; all were stricken with chills and fever, and at one time not one member of the settlement could leave his cabin to visit the other! He engaged in farming and raised a little corn, which was destroyed by the bears and other animals. Discouraged with this result he removed to a point farther northward, and purchased some land on which he built a cabin. Here his efforts were better rewarded. He planted orchards, placed the land under cultivation, and had secured many comforts before his death, which occurred at the age of seventy-eight years. His first wife died soon after coming to Ohio, and he was married to Nancy Moffit, who bore him no children, but had five sons and six daughters by her first marriage.

Joseph Stewart, the youngest of this family, was born in the log cabin which his father had constructed in the wilds of the frontier, and which still stands. His education was limited to the few lessons he learned in the log school-house to which he tramped two miles through the unbroken snows. He remained a member of the household until twenty-two years of age, assisting his father and sharing the labors of the farm. He came to Chillicothe in 1832, and clerked in his brother James' grocery store; this stock was enlarged, and dry goods became an important feature of the business. In 1837 James Stewart died, and at the administrator's sale Joseph Stewart bought the stock of goods entire. From that day he has been one of the leading merchants of Chillicothe, and has done much to advance her commercial interests. In early times he went to Philadelphia to purchase goods, making the journey in a stage-coach over the mountains.

He assisted in organizing the State Bank of Ohio in 1840, and was one of the stockholders and a member of the board of directors; this institution is now known as the Ross County National Bank, and Mr. Stewart is still a director, having been elected forty-eight times; he is the only surviving person who was connected with the bank when organized. He is considered

one of the best financiers in the county, and his counsels have always been regarded in the management of the business of the bank.

Mr. Stewart was married in 1838 to Miss Matilda Householder, a native of Ohio, who died in 1889, after fifty-one years of wedded life; she was the mother of one daughter, Harriet, wife of T. M. Fulton. Mrs. Fulton has two sons, William S. and Albert S., whom she had by her first husband, William P. Galbraith. Both assist their grandfather, Joseph Stewart, in the mercantile business at Chillicothe.

Politically, Mr. Stewart adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, and while he takes a lively interest in the leading questions of the day he has no taste for public office.

In his day Mr. Joseph Stewart was quite a hunter, and he has some trophies of his hunting days, one being a pair of horns from a five-prong buck which weighed 148 pounds dressed. It took five days and five nights to go to Philadelphia, and Mr. Stewart never lay down during that time. The stages were generally full, and four lay over at night. One might not get an opportunity to go in another for a week.

SAMUEL COOK is one of the pioneer settlers of Chillicothe, Ohio, and has witnessed the growth of this thriving city and aided in the development of the many resources of the great commonwealth of Ohio. The following lines contain a brief sketch of his personal history.

He was born at Rocky Fork, Highland county, Ohio, May 20, 1808, a son of Samuel Cook, who was a native of the State of New Jersey. The paternal grandfather was born in the city of Liverpool, England; when a mere lad he was one day aboard a vessel in the harbor seeing the strange sights, when to his consternation the ship moved away, and he was carried across the sea to America. He was sold for his passage, and by the time he had paid this debt he was too much pleased with his new home to return to the old one. He became a farmer in New Jersey. His son Samuel learned the trade of carpenter, remaining there until 1806, when he emigrated with a colony of neighbors and friends to Ross county, Ohio. Samuel Cook located at Chillicothe, where he erected many of the old historic buildings. When the war of 1812 was being waged he was drafted, and had gone as far as Columbus when hostilities ceased, and he was permitted to return to his home. He married Hannah Troth, and they lived to a good old age. They were zealous members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and reared their six children to lives of thrift and honesty.

Samuel Cook, son of Samuel and Hannah (Troth) Cook, was the eldest of their family. The schools in his boyhood were conducted on the subscription plan, and therefore his opportunities for acquiring an education were mainly by experience. As soon as he was old enough to handle tools he began to work with his father, and at the age of eighteen years went to serve an apprenticeship. Becoming very proficient, he commanded the highest wages paid to artisans in that day; was thrifty and saved his money, ambitious to have a business of his own. In 1827 he was employed on the canal at Newark, Ohio, but eventually settled permanently in Chillicothe. He en-

gaged in contracting and building, and carried on a large and important business for many years. During the last few years he has been retired, living in the enjoyment of the accumulations of many years of tireless industry. As his means have increased beyond the demands of his business he has made investments in real estate which have proved very valuable and the source of a good income.

Mr. Cook has been married three times: in 1835 he was united to Ellen Cramer, a daughter of one of the pioneers of Ross county; they had one son, John F., an architect of Chillicothe. The second wife was Catharine Dowder, and of this union one son was born, Charles B., a civil engineer. He was married the third time to Mary Dowder, a sister to his second wife, and they have a family of three children: Grant L.; Mamie, wife of Edward Evans; and Alice.

Mr. Cook has always been an ardent temperance man and has never used tobacco. In his political views he was first a Democrat and voted for "Old Hickory;" then became an Abolitionist, and finally at the organization of the temperance party became one of its strong supporters.

ROBERT HEWSON LANSING, the oldest representative of the drug business in Chillicothe, Ohio, was born at Albany, New York, March 8, 1818, a son of Jacob Lansing, who was a native of the same city. His grandfather, Levinus Lansing, emigrated from Holland to America, bringing with him as ballast the brick from which his house in Albany was constructed. He reared six children: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Sarah, Rebecca and Rachel. Jacob, the youngest child, was a shoemaker by trade, but in the latter years of his life was superintendent of the almshouse of Albany; he died at the age of seventy-eight years; he was a member of the Dutch Reformed Church, and was an Elder of that denomination at the time of his death. He married Elizabeth Hewson, a native of New York, who died at the age of twenty-eight years, the mother of three sons,—Robert H., Jacob and William. Jacob is a merchant in Boston; and William is deceased. The father married a second time, and had a family of four daughters and one son, the latter, Charles E., an attorney of New York city, at 160 Broadway.

At the age of eighteen years Dr. Lansing was graduated at the old Albany College, and then began clerking in a drug store; at the end of two years he went to New York city for the purpose of investigating the methods of jobbing; he remained there two years, and in the fall of 1837 emigrated to Ohio. On the 22d day of February, 1838, he came to Chillicothe, and established himself in the drug business in 1843, having clerked previous to this time. He had a partner, Dr. A. Douglas, in the beginning, but is now the proprietor of the business.

He was united in marriage, in 1843, to Miss Adelia Collins, of Attica, New York; she died in 1887, the mother of six children, only one of whom survives, Adelia L. Politically the Doctor votes with the Republican party. Recognizing his ability and integrity, the people of Ross county have offered him various positions of trust and honor which he has steadily refused. He and his wife united with the Episcopalian Church in

1843, and for fifty years he has been a faithful member of this denomination; he is now Junior Warden, and is deeply interested in the work of the church.

Whether as citizen, neighbor or friend, Dr. Lansing is held in the highest regard, and is worthy of the confidence reposed in him by a wide circle of acquaintances.

WILLIAM McGUIRE, deceased, was for many years identified with the interests of Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio. He was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, in November, 1814, and when he was a lad of some eight or ten years was left an orphan, both his parents having died. From that time until he reached his majority he lived in Pike county, this State. In Pike county he was married, in November, 1836, to Miss Harriet Wilson, who was born there October 22, 1814. After their marriage they continued to reside in Pike county until early in the forties, when they removed to Marion county, Illinois, making that their home until 1861. In 1861 they returned to their native State, selected Franklin township, Ross county, as a place of residence, and here Mr. McGuire continued to reside up to the time of his death, which occurred in October, 1881. He and his wife had a family of thirteen children, six of whom lived to maturity, and of these we make a record as follows: Priscilla, wife of W. T. Landrum, died in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio, in 1878; Hulda, wife of Thomas Southward, died in Franklin township in 1871; Phoebe, wife of J. B. Lynch; Nancy, who died in 1861; Keziah, wife of M. L. Lynch; and Margaret.

Mr. McGuire's life was one of useful activity. He acquired considerable property, at the time of his death being the owner of about 800 acres of land. Mrs. McGuire is still living, one of the highly respected women of Franklin township.

WILLIAM McKELL, deceased, was one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of Ross county, and one of her oldest and most successful business men. The following space will be devoted to a brief outline of his career and will be of interest to the many members of his circle of acquaintance. A native of the county Tyrone, Ireland, he passed his boyhood and youth on the Emerald Isle. At the age of nineteen years he crossed the sea to America, accompanying an uncle on the voyage. At Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, he secured employment in the queensware house of Gaylord Brothers, going with this firm to Maysville, Kentucky, in 1831. A member of the firm soon afterward died of cholera, and young McKell brought the residue of the stock to Chillicothe, Ohio, purchasing the goods upon credit. His success in commercial ventures was somewhat phenomenal, and he extended his dealings to mines, lands and banks.

He was married in May, 1836, to Miss Phœbe Cook, who was born in Union township, Ross county, in 1813. The Cook family trace their ancestry to the Mayflower voyagers through Isaac Cook, father of Mrs. McKell. Isaac Cook was born at Wallingford, Connecticut, was married in Pennsylvania, and in 1796 emigrated from the Keystone State to Ohio, making the journey on horseback. He put out one crop, and returned for his wife and two children, com-

ing back in 1798. They camped for two weeks while a cabin was being constructed for their residence. Mr. Cook was land agent for a time, and purchased and developed 600 acres of land in Union township. He was one of the Associate Judges of this district for twenty-one years, and served as a member of the State Legislature for several terms. He introduced a bill to have a guardian appointed for habitual drunkards, but he was in advance of his time upon this and kindred subjects, and was defeated for re-election upon this issue. He lectured during the latter years of his life upon the subject of temperance. Politically he voted with the Whig party, and during the Revolutionary war was a member of the navy, at the tender age of sixteen years. He died at the age of seventy-three years.

He was united in marriage to Margaret Scott, whose father was a Colonel in the Revolutionary war. They had twelve children, nine of whom grew to maturity. Mrs. McKell is the only one surviving, and she is now in her eighty-first year. She was reared amid the rude surroundings of a frontier home, attending the primitive log schoolhouse, where she received sufficient instruction to take the position of teacher. She is a woman of rare force of character and keen intelligence, and is held in the highest esteem by the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. McKell reared nine children: James, Margaret, Maria, Lucy (deceased), William J. (who died in the war), Thomas G., Joseph S., Elizabeth and Ellenor. Mr. McKell passed from this life in February, 1882, lamented by the entire community. He was a man of most exemplary habits, honorable to the highest degree, and worthy of the confidence universally reposed in him.

JUDGE WILLIAM H. SAFFORD has been for many years prominently identified with the history of the bar of Ross county, and is now the oldest practicing attorney here. He was born at Parkersburg, Virginia, February 19, 1821, a son of Dr. Eliel T. Safford, a native of Vermont, born March 10, 1793. His grandfather, Dr. Jonas Safford, was born at Hardwick, Massachusetts, July 23, 1763, and the great-grandfather, Dr. Chellis Safford, was also a native of Massachusetts. The family is of English origin, and is known to have settled at Ipswich, Massachusetts, as early as 1740. Dr. Chellis Safford was a surgeon in the French and Indian war, and died at the beginning of the war of the Revolution. Dr. Jonas Safford was educated for a physician, and in 1792 located at Poultney, Vermont, where he practiced until 1811. He filled many positions of trust and honor, being a Representative in the State Legislature, Judge of the Court, Magistrate and Selectman. He emigrated to the West in 1811 and settled at Gallipolis, Ohio, where he secured a large practice, was one of the first physicians, and assisted in the organization of the first State Medical Society, and died at the age of seventy-one years. Dr. Eliel T. Safford, his son, was graduated at the old Philadelphia Medical College in 1818, and began his professional career at Point Pleasant, Virginia. He was married in 1818, and afterward located at Parkersburg, Virginia, where he enjoyed a large practice; his death occurred in 1840. He married Ann Harrison, of Prince William county, Virginia, who died in 1824, leaving two children—Dr. Erasmus Darwin and William H. Safford, the subject of this sketch. His second marriage was to Miss Ann F. Hunter, and two daughters were

born of this union. The maternal grandfather of our subject, Col. Matthew Harrison, was a prominent lawyer and an officer in the Revolutionary war, of Prince William county, Virginia. He was of an English family whose first members in this country came as early as 1690, he died in Prince William county, Virginia.

William H. Safford passed his youth in Parkersburg, Virginia, and received his education in the common schools and academy of that place. He began the study of law when quite young, and at the age of twenty-one years was admitted to the bar. He had read under the direction of his uncle, William A. Harrison, of Clarksburg, Virginia, and engaged in practice in Parkersburg, continuing until 1848, when he came to Chillicothe, Ohio. His residence here began on the first day of November, and his career has been one of much credit to himself and an honor to his illustrious ancestry.

Judge Safford was united in marriage, October 14, 1846, to Annie Maria Pocahontas Creel, a native of Wood county, Virginia. They are the parents of three sons and four daughters: Lieutenant Robert E., United States Army, a graduate of the Military Academy at West Point, is deceased; Edith F. Spofford resides in Washington, District of Columbia; Lieutenant William E., United States Navy, is a graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland; Elizabeth C. Battle, who lives at Evanston, Illinois; Anna J., who is employed in the Department of the Interior, Washington, District of Columbia; Homer, is in business in Chicago; and Sarah L., is at home.

Our worthy subject was elected to the Ohio State Senate in 1857, and in the fall of 1859 was a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, but was defeated. He was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and of the District Court, and served in this capacity during five years. He served as a member of the School Board for twenty-five years, most of which time he acted as secretary or president. He has a considerable practice before the State Supreme Court, and a large general practice in the county. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party.

In 1850 Judge Safford published a volume on the "Life of Blennerhasset," and ten years later produced the "Blennerhasset Papers," containing unpublished papers and correspondence which developed the aims in the attempted Wilkinson and Burr revolution. He is now writing a work which will embody sketches of the private and domestic life of Aaron Burr.

WILLIAM BITZER, who owns and occupies one of the most desirable farms on the Adelphi turnpike in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, is a representative of one of the early pioneer families in this part of Ohio.

Mr. Bitzer was born in Green township, this county, November 30, 1823, son of Jacob Bitzer and grandson of William Bitzer, both natives of Pennsylvania. Grandfather Bitzer emigrated to Ohio with his family prior to the war of 1812. Upon his arrival here he took up his abode in Green township, Ross county, where he spent the residue of his life, and where he died at an advanced age. He reared a family of five sons and three daughters. His son Jacob also passed his life and died on a farm in

Green township, being in his eighty-sixth year at the time of death. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. His wife, Rosanna Barbara, also a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio with her parents when she was a child, and she, too, lived to a good old age, being in her seventy-ninth year when she died. Both were faithful members of the German Reformed Church. Their family was composed of seven children, four sons and three daughters, four of whom are still living.

The earliest recollections of William Bitzer are of the log house in which he was born and of the log school-house with its slab seats, where he conned his lessons. In 1846 he left the home place and engaged in farming for himself, settling on a farm in his native township. In 1860 he purchased his present farm, eighty-two and a half acres, where he has since resided.

February 14, 1860, Mr. Bitzer married Mary A. Creochbourn, a native of Ohio, her parents having come to this State from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Bitzer have four children: Leah, Flora, Mary and William R.

In his early life Mr. Bitzer was a Henry Clay Whig, but has been a stanch Republican ever since the party was organized. He and his wife are both members of the German Reformed church.

JOSEPH SMITH, a farmer of Springfield township, Ross county, Ohio, was born in the village of Wellgreen, near Dumfries, Scotland, in October, 1830, a son of William and Jenny (Coupland) Smith, also natives of that country. They emigrated to America in 1845, locating in Ross county, Ohio, where the father died at the age of seventy-six years, and the mother at the age of sixty-seven years. They were members of the Established Church of Scotland. The father was a manufacturer in Scotland, but after coming to this country followed farming. He was also a surveyor, as was also his ancestors for many generations, and they were considered fine mathematicians. The great-great-grandfather of our subject came from the Highlands of Scotland with Prince Charles, in 1745.

Joseph Smith, the second eldest of his parents' four children, and one of two only now living, attended school in his native country until fifteen years of age, and then came to America. After working at farm labor for about one year, he again entered school, reviewing the studies he had pursued in his native country. He was next placed under the tutorship of Henry Stipp, a well-known surveyor, where he remained for a time. Mr. Smith then assisted his father on the farm, also following his profession whenever occasion permitted, until 1866, and since that time has been engaged in general farming in Springfield township and in surveying in Ross and adjoining counties. He now owns about 500 acres of land on Paint creek, Ross county, eighty acres in Pickaway county, and he also farms 600 acres in the Scioto Valley, Springfield township. In addition to his general farming, he is also actively engaged in stock-raising.

In 1856 Mr. Smith was united in marriage with Miss Mary Perry, a native of Highland county, Ohio, and a distant relative of Commodore Perry, the hero of the Lake Erie victory in the war of 1812. Her father came from Pennsylvania, and her mother from Virginia. They were among

the pioneer settlers of Ohio, and both are now deceased. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had seven children, six of whom are now living, viz.: William P., Zanetta, Jenny, Josephine, Elizabeth and Almyra. All have received a good education, and the eldest, William P., completed a special course in civil engineering at the Ohio State University in 1877. Mr. Smith is identified with the Democratic party, has served as a Justice of the Peace for twenty-seven years, served as Infirmary Director several terms, and at one time was nominated for Representative, but, his party being in the minority, he was not elected. He has also taken an active interest in school matters, having served as a director a number of terms. In his social relations, he has been a member of the Masonic order for over thirty-six years.

PROF. EDWARD G. SMITH, Principal of the High School of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in Buckingham county, Virginia, August 20, 1831.

His parents, James D. and Sarah H. (Ryan) Smith, were both natives of Buckingham county, Virginia, his birth occuring August 3, 1798, and hers September 15, 1805. Grandfather Smith was an Englishman who came to America before the Revolution and settled in the Old Dominion, where he reared his family. Beyond this little is known of him. James D. Smith was a blacksmith by trade and followed it in early life. Subsequently, however, he turned his attention to farming, and in 1834 removed to Ohio and settled at or near Dunn Chapel, where he spent the rest of his life on a farm. He died March 30, 1879. He was a Whig and a strong Abolitionist, and both he and his wife were members of the Baptist Church. She died July 2, 1875. Her parents were Irish, and their emigration to this country was only a short time before her birth. James D. Smith and his wife had a family of ten children, six sons and four daughters, all deceased except the following: John, a hotel proprietor in Milo, Iowa; Benjamin, a farmer of Union township, Highland county, Ohio; Robert F., a bookkeeper at the Hillsborough Stone Quarry; Thomas H., an extensive farmer of Penn township, this county; and the subject of this sketch.

Professor Smith's advantages for an education were limited to the district schools. His summers were spent in work on the farm until after he reached manhood. Although his educational advantages were limited, he made the best of them and when he was eighteen he began teaching country school. After teaching in the country schools some three years, he became principal of the schools at Lynchburg, this county, remaining there one year. Following that he was for five years principal at Lexington, Ohio, and from there came to Hillsborough, where he has since remained. From 1866 to 1870 he was an instructor in the grammar department, and from the latter date up to the present time he has been principal of the high school. During these past twenty-eight years that he has been identified with the educational affairs of Hillsborough he has endeared himself alike to pupils and parents and has won a most enviable reputation as an educator. Many are the changes that have been made in the schools here, and with all of them he has kept pace. During this period the fine school buildings of the town have all been erected.

Aside from his regular school work, Professor Smith has found time for various public affairs, educational and otherwise. He was a member of the County Board of School Examiners for twenty years, from 1870 to 1890. At the present time he is a member of the City Board of School Examiners. In politics he is a stanch Republican. He has been a member of the City Council, off and on, for ten years, now having a seat in that body. He is also chairman of the water-works committee. During the Civil war he was in the ninety days' service, under Captain Buck, and did duty as guard in escorting soldiers to the seat of war.

Professor Smith was married December 24, 1867, to Jennie Rogers, who was born November 29, 1841, daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Mary J. (Lawrence) Rogers, of this county. Her grandfather, Robert Rogers, was born in 1786 and was one of the pioneers of this county. The Professor and his wife have two children, Jessie R. and William E., the latter being a member of the firm of Wingardner, Smith & Co., grocers of Hillsborough. He and his wife and daughter are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he has been a Trustee for about seven years.

Professor Smith is not only a self-made man, but is also one worthy of long remembrance.

ALEXANDER RENICK, president of the First National Bank of Chillicothe, was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, April 8, 1847, son of Alexander and Jane (Osborn) Renick.

The senior Alexander Renick was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, or, rather, on his father's farm one mile west of Chillicothe, where he was reared and educated, attending the common schools and the Chillicothe Academy. He moved to the city in 1864, and up to the time of his death was prominently identified with its interests. He was one of the organizers and one of the first directors of the First National Bank of Chillicothe, and continued as a director of the bank up to the time of his death, which occurred in 1875, when he was sixty years of age. His wife followed in October, 1886. She was born in Columbus, Ohio, and was a daughter of Ralph Osborn, who was well-known all over the State. Mr. Osborn was one of the first State Auditors of Ohio, in which position he served for a period of eighteen years. He also served as State Senator of Ohio two terms. Alexander and Jane Renick were members of the Presbyterian Church, and for their many estimable qualities were highly esteemed by a large circle of friends. They had a family of four sons and one daughter that reached maturity, viz.: Ralph O., born in Circleville, Ohio, is now engaged in farming in Pickaway county, this State; Dorothy, wife of George Z. Work, a clothing merchant of Chicago, Illinois; Henry T., who resides on his farm in Ross county, Ohio; George, a merchant of Topeka, Kansas, died in 1880; and Alexander, whose name heads this article.

The subject of our sketch received his early education in the common schools of his native town and then entered Yale College, where he graduated with the class of 1868. Upon completing his college course he returned home and took charge of his father's farm. He conducted its operations until the time of his father's death, in September, 1875. In October of the same year he was elected director of the First National

Bank of Chillicothe, to fill the vacancy caused by his father's death. In 1885 he was elected vice-president of the bank, and in 1892 was made its president.

Mr. Renick was married December 29, 1874, to Miss Elizabeth Waddle, daughter of Dr. William Waddle, of Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Renick had two sons: William, born June 27, 1878, died November 14, 1882; and Alexander M., born January 9, 1882. Mrs. Renick is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Socially and financially, Mr. Renick is ranked with the leading men of his county. Besides his bank stock he owns large farming interests. Of his ancestry we make further record as follows:

George Renick, his grandfather, was born in Hardy county, Virginia, September 7, 1776, and died September 15, 1863. The genealogy of the Renick family is traditional.

From the accounts handed down in the family, we learn that their progenitors emigrated from Germany with many other families to Scotland to escape religious persecution. After a time a part of the family, at least, removed to county Coleraine, Ireland. In the meantime the name had undergone a change from Renewick to Renwick, probably to suit the dialect of the country. In the process of time one of three brothers of the ancestral stock was created a Peer of the Realm and he purchased the property of the other two, and they with their father emigrated to America. The Peer, not being able to pay the purchase money at the time, engaged to send it to them at a specified period. This proved a fortunate thing for the brothers, as it happened that the vessel in which they embarked was plundered by Black Ceara, the pirate. Their money came safely to hand at the stated time. The brothers above mentioned and their father settled first in eastern Pennsylvania,—at least they appeared to have remained there until they received their money. Afterward they removed to Hardy county, Virginia, on the south branch of the Potomac river, and from that point their descendants scattered in various directions, some south to the James river, others to Greenbrier county, Virginia, and others still to the States of Kentucky, Missouri and Ohio. In the meantime the name had undergone two more changes—first from Renewick to Rennick, and later on one of the n's was dropped and it assumed its present form, Renick.

Although the family has been in this country for over 200 years, and although for a considerable portion of that period it has been scattered over many different and widely separated localities, yet there appears to have existed among its members, from the first, a regular unanimity of sentiment in eschewing public life. Men of influence and large wealth have abounded in the family. It is apparent, however, that they have uniformly been well-nigh devoid of political aspirations, and, without being indifferent to the public welfare, to have preferred a more retired, unassuming and independent life. This disposition has not interfered with their usefulness as members of society, as shown by the fact that for many generations past, at least, the members of the family have generally been public-spirited, taking an active, if not a leading part in every scheme or enterprise that presented a fair promise of resulting beneficially either to their respective communities or the country at large.

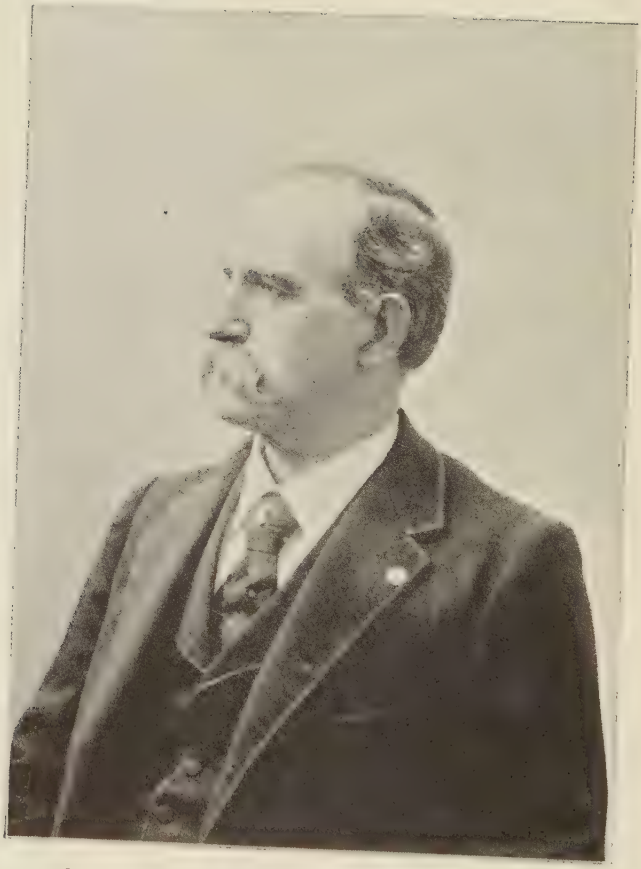
JOHN CARLISLE emigrated from Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1800, and settled first in Chillicothe. In 1805 he removed to Highland county, and settled on the farm afterward owned and occupied for many years by his son, Beatty Carlisle. Mr. Carlisle was the first settler who raised tobacco.

One day, about a year after his arrival in the county, the family left home with the exception of his two boys, James and John, aged one and eight years, and the other six, who were sent into the tobacco patch to "sucker" the plants. While thus engaged, the elder, James, was bitten on his forefinger by a rattlesnake, which was coiled up under the leaves. There was no one near to help them, and the boys, well knowing the fatal effects of the poison, were greatly alarmed; but James, with the courage of a true backwoodsman, was not long in settling in his own mind the course to be pursued. They had taken an old, dull tomahawk out with them for some purpose, and James peremptorily ordered his little brother to cut off his hand, at the same time laying it on a stump and pointing to the place where it was to be cut,—at the wrist! This John positively refused to do, giving as his reason that the tomahawk was too dull. Finally they compromised on the wounded finger, which the young surgeon consented to cut off. It had already turned black, and was much swollen. John made several ineffectual attempts to cut it off, but only hacked and bruised it. James, however, held it stoutly, encouraging his brother to proceed, and saying it must come off or he should soon die. It was soon hacked off, but, most pitiful to relate, in their fright, anxiety and lack of strength and skill, the thumb was cut off also. This was replaced by a neighbor, Gus Richards, who was somewhat of a surgeon, and finally grew on again.

John remained on the old plantation all his life. He married Miram Vinsonhaler, and they became the parents of thirteen children, two of whom died in their infancy, and Mary at the age of forty; the others being George, Ada, Nancy, Samuel, Maria, Elizabeth, Sina, Ruth, Thomas and John. These ten are all still living, and all except one have families.

John Carlisle, the youngest of the above named children, was born on his father's farm in Washington township, Highland county, Ohio, October 8, 1856. His whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and in this occupation he has been very successful. He owns the old farm, a tract of 111 acres, and also has a farm of 174 acres in Liberty township, this county, all of this being devoted to general farming. Mr. Carlisle was married January 1, 1878, to Ollie M. Ballentine, and they have four children, namely: Louie E., Bertie, Pearl D. and Mary M. In his political affiliations Mr. Carlisle is Democratic.

HON. ELIAS MOORE, proprietor of the Scioto Valley Farm, was born in Green township, Ross county, Ohio, June 30, 1843, a son of Elias Moore, who was born in Pennsylvania in 1802. The grandfather, Joseph Moore, who was also a native of Pennsylvania, was of Scotch ancestry. He was an extensive farmer and land owner, and in 1808 emigrated with his family to Ohio, locating in Green township, in the Scioto valley. He cleared and improved the farm on which our subject still resides. His



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death occurred at the age of sixty-six years. Mr. Moore reared a family of six children, three sons and three daughters, and only one is now living. Elias Moore, Sr., grew to manhood in the Scioto Valley. He inherited a part of the old homestead, and his death occurred here February 14, 1843. He married Susan Rutter, and they had three children: Hannah E., wife of E. H. Birdsall, a real estate dealer in Lincoln, Nebraska; John G., deceased; and Elias, our subject. After the father's death, the mother married Stephen Hedge, a farmer by occupation, who died in 1876. Mrs. Hedge, born in 1812, in Maryland, is still living.

Elias Moore, the subject of this sketch, enlisted for service in the late war August 13, 1862, entering Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Col. John Cradelbough. He participated in the battles of Chickasaw Bluff, Arkansas Post, siege of Vicksburg, Champion Hills, Black River Bridge, was with Banks on the Red River expedition, took part in the battles of Alexandria, Yellow Bayou, Fort Blakely, one of the last battles of the war, and took part in every engagement and campaign in which his regiment participated.

After the close of the struggle he returned home, and afterward completed the commercial course in Oberlin College. Mr. Moore then settled on the old homestead, where, with the exception of about two years spent in the West, he has ever since resided. The farm contains 171 acres of choice land, and is known as the Scioto Valley Farm.

Mr. Moore is identified with the Republican party, and in the fall of 1888 was elected on that ticket for Representative of Ross county, having served in the Sixty-ninth General Assembly, and was a member of Public Highways, Soldiers and Sailors' Orphans' Home and Public School committees. He is now serving his ninth year as Trustee of Green township. For several years Mr. Moore has taken an active part in the Scioto Grange and the G. A. R. He has been a speaker before farmers' institutes and soldiers' organizations in various sections of the country, and his extensive acquaintance in this regard led to his nomination for Representative.

In 1872 Mr. Moore was united in marriage to Mattie Holman, a native of Ross county, who died in 1873. They had one child, who died in infancy. In 1892 our subject married Mrs. Mary A. Ford, a native of Ohio, and widow of Francis D. Ford, who died five years ago.

WILLIAM V. LAWRANCE, the subject of this sketch, is one of the older members of the Ross county bar, has won an enviable reputation in this portion of the State, not only as a lawyer but also in literary circles where, his productions have everywhere been received with marked favor.

He was born in Greene county, Ohio, November 8, 1834, and is a son of John B. Lawrance, who was a native of Dutchess county, New York, where he was born in 1790. His father, Chauncy Lawrance, was also a native of New York, while his grandfather, John Lawrance, was the first member of the family to emigrate to this country from England. He was a son of Sir John Lawrance, an English baronet, who, on account of a disagreement with his elder brother in regard to the distribution of the personal estate of their father, emigrated to

this country, changing his name at that time by placing in the second syllable of the surname *a* for *e*, writing it Lawrance instead of Lawrence, as it was before and is now written by the other branches of the family.

Chauncy Lawrance removed to Greene county, Ohio, soon after the war of 1812, and buying a farm there lived on it until a short time before his death, which occurred when he was seventy-five years old. John B. Lawrance lived on the farm with his father until he married, his wife being Armilla Vickers, whose parents were Maryland Quakers, and had shortly before emigrated to that part of the State. They had eleven children, nine of whom grew to mature years. Of these, four died just after arriving at man and womanhood, and a fifth in later years, leaving at the present time two sons and two daughters surviving the parents, the father dying at the age of eighty-two and the mother at eighty-five years of age. Mr. Lawrance, the father, was in politics a Republican, being before the organization of the Republican party an old-line Whig. He was elected from his district and served as a delegate to the first National Republican convention of that party. He and his wife were members of the Baptist Church, although she was born and reared a Quaker.

William V., their eighth child, shared his father's labors on his farm, which joined his old homestead, and was located in Greene county, on what is known as the "Old Federal Road," eleven miles from Xenia, the county seat. Here he was born and worked on the farm until he was seventeen years of age, going to the district schools during the winter and working on the farm in the summer. His father gave him and his brother John an interest in the crops up to this time, when he took his share and started to a select school at the academy at Cedarville, a village within five miles of his home, he still working on the farm during his vacations. He was also a student at Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, Ohio, while the noted educator Horace Mann was its president.

Being compelled to give up school for a time on account of failing health, he did not return to college after that, but in the year 1858 he began the study of law in the office of Judge Moses Barlow, one of the ablest jurists of Ohio, living at that time in the city of Xenia, Ohio, where in the fall of 1860 he completed his studies, and was admitted to practice law by the Supreme Court of Ohio; but, recognizing that the war that broke out in the spring of 1861 was upon the country, he made no attempt to open up an office, but retired to the home of his father, and there in the seclusion of its retreat awaited through the winter months its dreaded coming, in the meantime writing,. reading and preparing for the call to arms, to which he had long made up his mind to respond. When that call came, in April, 1861, he was one of the first to enlist. Having no thought or care for a commission, he went as a volunteer in Company E, Twelfth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served to the end of his three-months enlistment, when he returned home, and as soon as he was discharged he re-entered the service as a private in the Sixth Independent Company, Ohio Volunteer Cavalry, which afterward became Company L, Third New York Cavalry, with which he served, and was commissioned as Second Lieutenant for meritorious conduct in leading the charge of the regiment on the Confederate cavalry under Ashby and cap-

turing the first prisoners taken by the regiment on the advance of the army from Berryville to Winchester, Virginia, in March, 1862. He received his commission on the first day of May, while on the way to New Berne, North Carolina, on board the transport conveying him there with his regiment by water.

While in North Carolina, he was in several sharp engagements with the enemy, the most important to him being the engagement at Washington, that State, in which the Confederates attempted to take the place by surprise, and would have succeeded if it had not been for the gallant conduct of men of his company, about forty in number, who, led by him, resisted the attack of over 1,500 Confederate cavalry and infantry, holding a position where but a small number could attack at a time, and thus repulsing six separate charges, and holding them back for at least one-half hour, and until the other troops could rally, which they did, and defeated and drove the attacking party away in utter rout. Soon after this he was sent with his company to Plymouth, on the Roanoke, for outpost duty, where in two weeks so many of his men became sick from the miasma of the swamps that he had not men enough for duty, and so asked to be relieved, and upon his return to New Berne, he was stricken with the fever, which so debilitated him that he was compelled to resign, returning home in June, 1863.

By the following winter he had so far recovered that he engaged and taught a school in the neighborhood of his home, closing it on the 22d of February, 1864, and enlisting on the same day as a private in the Eighth Ohio Volunteer Veteran Cavalry. He was assigned to Company M., and went with it into the field, first to Charleston, West Virginia, then from there on the Lynchburg raid, and on the return of the regiment was encamped at and near Beverly, Virginia, during the remainder of the summer and winter, doing out-post duty until on the morning of the 11th of January, 1865, when by reason of the inefficiency, or worse, of Colonel Ewart, who was in command, and the idiocy of the guard, the whole command was surprised and almost all the men of the Eighth Cavalry, and the Thirty-fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, were captured and taken to Richmond and confined in the prisons of that place, the subject of this sketch being, with a large number of the regiment, imprisoned in the famous Libby prison, the horrors of which have been so well described in the history of that infamous place. Here he remained until the middle of February, when he was paroled and released with the first prisoners who passed its gates on the general exchange, which, by the way, never took place, and he, with the thousand others who came out that day, are but paroled prisoners of war. He was sent to Columbus, Ohio, to camp Chase, where, on June 21, 1865, he was for the last time mustered out of the army.

Shortly after his last enlistment and before his regiment was sent to the field, on March 18, 1864, Mr. Lawrance was married to Anna C. Walker, the only daughter of Stephen S. and Martha Walker, her father being a native of Virginia, related by blood to the Lees and Humprys of the Old Dominion, who fought in the war of the Revolution, and at least two of whom were on the staff of, and belonged to, the military family of General Washington. By this union there has been born to Mr. Lawrance one son, named Herbert Walker, who

at this writing is a little over six years of age. After the close of the war, Mr. Lawrance, after hesitating as to his course, finally, in June, 1868, located in the city of Chillicothe, and soon became prominently identified with the members of its bar, at which he continues to practice, although he has never been wholly able to divorce himself from his taste for literary pursuits. In politics he is a Republican, is a member of the G. A. R., and in 1889-90 was A. Q. M. G. of the Department of Ohio. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In 1873 Mr. Lawrance published a volume containing two poems, "Ellina, the Bride of Montross" and "Iantha." The first poem is founded upon incidents of adventure in the war of 1861, and contains many graphic descriptions of the scenes and trials of the border-land incident to guerrilla and border warfare. These, interspersed with fray and foray of the marauding bands, with capture and imprisonment in that terrible place, Libby Prison, the culmination of whose infamy, growing out of the sufferings and death of the Union soldiers by starvation and violence within its walls, are but faintly described, but as well as pen can do, in the following lines from this poem:

> "For nothing ever seen below
> Of human hate and human woe
> In blackness and in depth of crime
> Shows darker on the page of Time."

"Iantha" is an imaginary story, founded solely on fancy, and so gives greater play to the imagination.

In 1889 "The Story of Judeth," with "Poems of the Heart, Hearth and Home," was issued by the Riverside Press at Cambridge, for him, but he has made no effort in pushing the sale of the book, and so far it has had but a limited circulation. "The Story of Judeth," which gives the title to the book, is founded on incidents wrought into and surrounding the life, death and resurrection of Lazarus, who is the central figure, with Judeth, in the book. The book is divided into twelve cantos, opening with the introduction of Judeth and Lazarus, the preaching of John Baptist, and closing with the death and resurrection of Christ, and the mission of Judeth and Lazarus in the new Gospel of Peace.

Besides these, Mr. Lawrance has written and published in the journals of the country numerous poems and short stories, but yet his published writings so far are but a small portion, comparatively, with what he has written in prose and verse, in story, tragedy and romance. Quite a number of his poems are descriptive of scenes and incidents that are local, and for that reason have been well received by the people of Chillicothe and the surrounding country, who are noted for their loyalty to everything which pertains to their homes.

Mr. Lawrence has written, it would seem, for the pure love of it, and so far has not striven to force himself into the sharp competition now waged in the literary field, believing that the crude work and the hasty publication of to-day can only result in the short life of the books so written, and ephemeral fame only for their writers. His motto is, "Whatever a man gives, let it be his best."

NELSON SPENCER, one of the prosperous merchants of Adelphi, Ohio, is a representative of one of the first families that settled in Ross county. The following brief sketch of his life is therefore of interest in this work.

Nelson Spencer was born in Adelphi, Ohio, July 10, 1841, son of Thomas Spencer, who was born in Ross county, this State, and grandson of Jesse Spencer, a native of Maryland. The Spencers lived in Maryland for many generations. Jesse Spencer emigrated to Ohio at an early period and settled in Ross county, being United States Land Agent at Chillicothe for a number of years. On account of his strong Whig proclivities, however, he was finally removed from office by General Jackson. He owned a large tract of land near Adelphi, where he carried on agricultural pursuits extensively for a number of years. He also lived for several years on Paint creek. His wife, like himself, possessed all the characteristics of the brave pioneer. She often moulded bullets while her husband and the other men fought the Indians. He died in the prime of manhood, while she lived to the advanced age of eighty-three. They reared seven children, of whom the second son, Thomas, was the father of our subject. He was of a mechanical turn of mind, and was engaged in various mechanical enterprises. He invented a time-lock, used on safes. Indeed, he was in many respects a genius. At the breaking out of the war he was a strong Union man, was at that time in the South, and on account of his sentiments was compelled to return North. He had learned the art of photography, and while in the South operated a gallery. He has spent much time and study on perpetual motion, and although he is now seventy-five years of age he still believes he will succeed in perfecting his long cherished ideal. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Rachel Enochs, was born in Ohio, the daughter of early settlers. She is now seventy-two.

Nelson Spencer was reared on the farm, and was just twenty years old when the war broke out. July 17, 1861, when the call was made for troops, he volunteered his services, becoming a member of Company A, Twenty-seventh Ohio Infantry. A few months later he was discharged on account of physical disability, but in the spring of 1864, having recovered his health, he re-enlisted, this time in the One Hundred Fifty-fifth Ohio National Guard, continuing in the service about five months longer. While at Camp Chase he was wounded by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of one of his comrades. The ball lodged in the instep of his left foot, still remains there, and at times causes him great suffering.

After the war he turned his attention to mercantile business in Adelphi, in which he has continued successfully for the past twenty-seven years. From time to time he has made investments in real estate, and at this writing is the owner of several farms in Hocking county, 520 acres in all. For several years he has been interested in the sheep industry, now having 800 head of sheep on his farms.

Mr. Spencer was married in October, 1866, to Miss M. J. Featheroff, a native of Hocking county, Ohio, and their two children are Lucy May and George Warren. The former is now the wife of Rev. G. A. Reeder, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Mount Gilead, Ohio. She is a woman of rare accomplishments, being a graduate of the University at Delaware, and having taken a course in elocution at Ann Arbor. The son, George W., is now in the junior class in the Wesleyan University, at Delaware.

Mr. Spencer has always taken a com-

mendable interest in public affairs, but has never aspired to office. He casts his vote and influence with the Republican party. For twenty-nine years he has been a member of the I. O. O. F., and he is also an active member of the G. A. R., having filled the office of Chaplain several terms. He and his wife are both Methodists, as also are their children.

ALFRED IMMELL, a prominent farmer of Ross county, was born south of Chillicothe, near the junction of the Richmond and Londonderry turnpike, May 8, 1840, a son of Elias Immell, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1815. The grandfather, Israel Immell, a native of Pennsylvania, became one of the pioneers of this county. He was a teamster by occupation. He reared a large family of children, and five sons and three daughters lived to years of maturity. Elias Immell located in Green township, Ross county, after his marriage, where he died in December, 1857, at the age of forty-two years. The mother of our subject, *née* Elizabeth Dunn, was born in Delaware county, Ohio, and is still living, aged seventy-nine years. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Alfred Immell, the second of seven children, five now living, was reared on a farm, and received his education in an old log school-house in the Kinnikinnick valley. At the age of twenty years he began agricultural pursuits in this township, where, with the exception of seven years spent south of Chillicothe, he has ever since remained. February 24, 1864, Mr. Immell enlisted for service in the late war, and was assigned to the Avenger, on the Mississippi river and its tributaries, then the most rapid boat on the river. He remained there until March 16, 1865, and April 5, of that year, he enlisted in the Fifth Ohio Cavalry. He was discharged at Columbus Barracks, May 8, 1865. Mr. Immell now owns 186 acres of land in the Scioto valley, which is known as the Goodman Farm, 192½ acres in the Kinnikinnick valley, in this township, and has the management of 805 acres of choice farming land in Liberty township.

Mr. Immell was married in 1873 to Miss Margaret Goodman, a native of Ross county, and a daughter of David Goodman. They have seven children,—Chancey G., Woodford E., Alfred D., George G., Charles H., Elizabeth E. and John H. (deceased). Mrs. Immell is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. In political matters, our subject acts with the Republican party, and socially is a member of the G. A. R.

JOHN W. GIFFIN, who is extensively engaged in farming in Paxton township, Ross county, Ohio, is ranked with the representative men of his vicinity.

Steward Giffin, his father, was born in Virginia, January 1, 1826, a descendant of an old Virginia family. He emigrated from his native State to Ross county, Ohio, in 1835, being a boy at that time, and coming with his father and family. Grandfather Giffin located in Paxton township, where he spent the rest of his life. His death was the result of an accident which occurred while he was under medical treatment at Cincinnati, where he died and is buried. Steward Giffin was reared to manhood in Paxton township, and has resided here ever since, with the exception of two years that

he spent in Illinois. He was married in Bainbridge, Ohio, to Miss Sarah A. Reeves, who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1836. They became the parents of the following children: Annie, wife of William Ingersoll; James A., who died in Bainbridge, Ohio, July 14, 1892, aged thirty-six years; Theodore, who married Laura Wallay; John W., whose name heads this sketch; and Rosa B., wife of Ruvello Hughey.

John W. Giffin was born in Paxton township, July 4, 1861, and was reared and educated here, his education being limited to the common schools. His whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, in which he has been very successful. He now operates 480 acres.

Mr. Giffin was married in Vincennes, Indiana, August 1, 1888, to Miss Carrie G. Shepherd, daughter of Clater B. Shepherd. She was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, August 20, 1867. Their two children are Steward S., born March 28, 1891, and Mary Ruth, June 16, 1893.

Mr. and Mrs. Giffin are active and influential members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He has served as a member of the School Board.

DUDLEY O. DIGGS has been for many years closely identified with the agricultural interests of Ross county, and is entitled to the space that has been accorded him in this volume.

He was born in Louisa county, Virginia, September 26, 1812, and is a son of Thomas Diggs, a native of the same State and county as the son. The first members of the family who came to America emigrated from England in 1650, and the branch of the family in Virginia sprang from this stock. Thomas Diggs served in the war of 1812, and died at the age of forty-four years. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Desper, was also a Virginian by birth; she lived to a ripe old age, rearing a family of seven children.

Dudley O. Diggs, the third born and the only surviving member, was reared to the occupation of a farmer, but neglected no opportunity to add to the little knowledge he had acquired in the district school. At the age of twenty-one years he began teaching school, and in 1833 he came to Ohio and joined the ranks of educators in Ross county. During twelve terms he presided in an old log school-house as master, after which he took up farming in Buckskin township.

In 1838 he made his first purchase of land, and cleared 100 acres, felling trees and cultivating the soil until he has one of the most desirable tracts in the township. He has added to his estate from time to time until he has 1,160 acres, and is regarded as one of the most prosperous farmers in Ross county. Although he began life with the simple endowments nature had bestowed upon him, he has arisen to a position of financial independence. He has employed only the most correct business methods and has the confidence and regard of all with whom he has had any dealings.

Mr. Diggs was united in marriage in 1835 to Sophia Houston, a Pennsylvanian by birth, who in her girlhood came to Ohio, and here died in 1886, after more than fifty years of faithful and loving devotion as a wife. Mr. Diggs' second marriage was in 1886, when he was united to Amanda Bragg, who was born in Virginia. They

are the parents of three children: Charles, Corinne and Altha Virginia.

Politically, Mr. Diggs adheres to the principles of the Republican party, and has served his township as Treasurer and Trustee. He and his wife are worthy members of the Presbyterian Church.

HON. AARON FERNEAU, of Bainbridge, Ross county, Ohio, is one of the wealthy and influential men of this part of the State, and belongs to a family that has been prominently connected with Ohio history for three-quarters of a century.

He was born in Brush Creek township, Highland county, Ohio, September 23, 1824. His father, Henry Ferneau, was born in Berkeley county, Virginia, in 1795, and his grandfather, John Ferneau, was born near Amsterdam, Holland, in the year 1760. John Ferneau was conscripted into the army when he was eighteen and was one of the many soldiers sold to England. He was sent to America with the Holland contingent to reinforce Cornwallis, and when General Washington captured the British army at Yorktown young Ferneau was paroled as a prisoner of war by Washington, but was never exchanged. The position he held in the British army was that of drum major. After being paroled he worked at the glove trade as an apprentice two years in Fredericksburg, Virginia. He then went to Berkeley county, Virginia, and settled near Winchester, where he married and where he became the father of thirteen children, eight sons and five daughters, all of whom lived to mature age and became heads of families. All have passed away. Their average age at the time of death was about seventy-five years. The Ferneaus in America all sprang from that one man, and up to the third generation they numbered 108. John Ferneau disposed of his interests in Virginia and in 1814 emigrated with his family to Ohio, locating near Greenfield, in Highland county, where he lived for some time, and from there removed to Ross county. He died in Ross county at the age of sixty-five years.

Henry Ferneau, the father of Aaron, came with his parents to Highland county, Ohio, settling with them near the Ross county line in 1814. He made two trips from Virginia to this State with teams, assisting some of his uncles in their removal to this State. Here he first took claim to 160 acres of land, which he developed into a fine farm and which he increased by subsequent purchase until he became the owner of 1,100 acres. He died in 1868, in his seventy-fourth year. He was a man of quiet and unassuming manners, and never sought official position of any kind, his whole attention being given to his extensive farming and stock interests. Nearly all his life he was prominently identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, always giving liberally of his means to its support. His wife, who before her marriage was Miss Julia McKenzie, was a native of Ohio, and of Scotch extraction. She died at the age of thirty-seven years, leaving a family of nine children, of whom the subject of our sketch was the third born, and is one of the five who are still living.

Aaron Ferneau was born in a log house which is still standing on the old Ferneau homestead, it having been built now almost ninety years. Although his early educational advantages were meagre, being limited to a few months' attendance each year

Yours truly
Henry L. Dickey

at the little log school-house near his home, still he improved his opportunities, and by dint of close observation and home study acquired a valuable store of useful information. He was deprived of a mother's loving care when he was twelve years old, and, as he was the eldest son and his father's main dependence, he did not leave home until he was twenty-five. He then began farming in Pike county, where he operated 200 acres of land. He continued there thirteen years. In 1866 he moved to Paxton township and purchased his present fine farm adjoining the village of Bainbridge. This farm comprises 200 acres, and on it he has since continued to live, having spent about twenty-six years of his life here. Besides this farm he also owns about 900 acres of land in Pike county. All these years he has been largely interested in stock-raising, making a specialty of sheep and hogs. He has fattened and sold as many as 600 hogs on his farms in a single year. Mr. Ferneau is also interested in several banking houses. He was one of the original stockholders of the Rockhold, Cook & Co. banking firm, Bainbridge, and of the Ross County National Bank, Chillicothe, but has disposed of his interests in these institutions and at this writing the only bank with which he is connected is the People's & Drovers' Bank, of Washington Court House, Ohio.

In 1854 Mr. Ferneau married Miss Isabelle Jones, a native of Pike county, Ohio. Her father, a native of England, came to this country when he was thirty years old; was married in Columbus, Ohio, to a native of Wales, and in Ohio he and his wife spent the rest of their lives. Mr. Jones died at the age of sixty-five years, and his wife lived to be ninety-two.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferneau became the parents of the following named children: Thomas, William, Ella, Ida May, Joseph, Frank and Mary.

Mr. Ferneau is a Democrat in politics, and has held various local offices, and in 1865 he was elected to represent Pike county in the Legislature. After serving through one session, his removal to Ross county caused him to resign his position. He has been a Mason since 1854, and for many years he and his wife have both been prominent and active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY LUTHER DICKEY was born at South Salem, Ross county, Ohio, on the 29th day of October, 1832. His father was Judge Alfred S. Dickey, who was born in Giles county, Tennessee, being of Scotch-Irish descent. Judge Dickey's grandparents, on coming to America from the north of Ireland, settled in Albemarle county, Virginia. Emily A. Dickey, his mother, was born in New Jersey. Her father was Michael MacKerley of German descent, who with his family moved to Highland county in 1816 and settled on a farm about four miles south of Greenfield at about the same time the Dickey family came from Tennessee and settled near South Salem in Ross county. The parents of Judge Alfred S. Dickey are buried in a small country graveyard near South Salem, and the parents of Mrs. Emily A. Dickey lie buried at the Rocky Spring graveyard. Judge Dickey died August 23, 1873, aged sixty-two years; and his wife Emily died September 2, 1878, aged sixty-six years; and both are buried in the Washington Street cemetery at Greenfield.

When Henry was about four years of age his parents removed to Washington Court House, where his father entered upon the practice of law, and continued there till March, 1847, when they removed to Greenfield for the purpose of educating their children at the Greenfield Academy and Seminary; and here the family made their permanent home. At the time his parents removed from Washington to Greenfield, Henry was in the fifteenth year of his age, and immediately entered the academy, then under the charge of Professor J. G. Blair, and in which Professor R. W. McFarland was a teacher. When in 1852 the surveys were being made for the location of the line of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad, now called the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad, Mr. Dickey was given a position with the surveying party, and assisted in locating the line of the road from Greenfield west. At the expiration of one year he was promoted to the position of assistant engineer and given charge of a division of the road, with his office at Hamden, in Vinton county. He remained there in the capacity of civil engineer until the road was about completed, when he resigned his position and returned to Greenfield and entered upon the study of law in his father's office. Having completed the usual course of study he was admitted to the bar at Chillicothe in 1857, and then attended the Cincinnati Law School, returning from there in 1859. In the meantime his father had been appointed Judge of the Court of Common Pleas by Governor S. P. Chase, which position he held by successive elections until a short time before his death in 1873. The large law practice which his father had, came into the hands of Mr. Dickey upon his return from the law school, and he not only successfully conducted and held it, but he was continually employed in the most important cases.

In 1860 Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the presidency by the Republican party, while the Democratic party broke into two factions, one branch nominating Stephen A. Douglas and the other John C. Breckinridge. Mr. Dickey espoused the cause of Douglas and that branch of the Democratic party, and was nominated by that party in 1860 as their candidate for the Ohio House of Representatives for the county of Highland. The campaign was an unusual one, but Mr. Dickey was elected by 170 majority, while Mr. Lincoln carried the county on the opposite ticket.

On the 2d of January, 1861, Mr. Dickey and Miss Mary L. Harper were married. She is the daughter of Jesse H. and Elizabeth D. Harper, and was born in Greenfield, April 6, 1841. The young Representative and his bride went immediately to Columbus to attend the session of the Legislature to which he had been elected. It was a session of extraordinary interest. The election of Mr. Lincoln had thrown the South into a fever of excitement, and States began to withdraw from the Union. Civil war was impending, and it became necessary for Ohio to be put on a war footing. A bill appropriating money for the purpose had been introduced, and was supported by Mr. Dickey in a patriotic speech, which was published at the time.

The Legislature adjourned in May, and Mr. Dickey, returning to Greenfield, was invited to address the first company of volunteers that left for the seat of war; this was May 23, 1861, and this address also was published.

He was re-nominated for the Legislature

on the Democratic ticket, but was defeated at the election by Colonel N. H. Hixon, who was then an officer in the army and ran upon the "Union" party ticket, the Republicans having changed their name for local elections. His majority in the county was six votes. During the war from 1861 to 1865 Mr. Dickey continued his law practice at the courts in Chillicothe, Washington and Hillsborough, and made many speeches in aid of recruiting for the army.

In June, 1865, he became a member of the Masonic order, and was soon afterward raised to the degree of Master.

The counties of Highland and Ross composed the Senatorial district, and on the 20th of August, 1866, he was nominated for a vacancy in the Ohio Senate. The "Union" party had again become the Republican party, and they placed in nomination A. D. Coombs. The district was largely Republican, but by a thorough speaking canvass, in which Mr. Coombs was challenged, but failed to meet Mr. Dickey in debate, the majority of the Republicans was reduced to 253. On the 16th of August, 1867, Mr. Dickey was again nominated, in a Democratic convention, by acclamation for State Senator. Judge Milton L. Clark, of Chillicothe, was placed in nomination by the Republicans. In this contest Mr. Dickey received a majority of 984 votes, carrying both counties by handsome majorities. This campaign was conducted by a debate of the political issues between Gen. S. H. Hurst, on behalf of Mr. Clark, and Mr. Dickey. Mr. Dickey served in the Senate for two years, assisting very materially in securing the election of Allen G. Thurman as against C. L. Vallandigham to the United States Senate.

Returning from the Senate in the spring of 1869 in very poor health, he accepted the position of chief engineer of turnpikes for Highland county, upon the solicitation of the commissioners. It was during this period that turnpikes in Ohio were being constructed from a fund raised by assessing the lands lying two miles on each side of the road to be built. Over 100 miles of these excellent roads were built in Highland county at this time under the supervision of Mr. Dickey; and all the side lines necessary to ascertain the lands to be assessed were surveyed by him. The construction of these roads occupied his time until the fall of 1872, when, finding his health greatly improved, he again gave his attention to the law and was soon engaged in many important cases, both civil and criminal.

He was selected as the orator of the day at the great centennial Fourth of July celebration at Hillsborough, where fully 20,000 people gathered to join in celebrating the 100th anniversary of American independence. His address on this occasion, which was published in the Centennial History of the county, led to his nomination for Congress on July 20, 1876, over Hon. L. T. Neal, of Chillicothe, whom he succeeded. The district was then composed of the counties of Adams, Brown, Highland, Pike and Ross. The Republicans placed in nomination Colonel Allison Brown, of Ross county. The contest that followed was bitter in the extreme. It was the Tilden–Hayes campaign for the presidency, and party strife ran high. Mr. Dickey thoroughly canvassed the district, speaking in almost every township, and was elected by a majority of 1,341.

In the spring of 1877 the Murphy temperance movement, as it was called, swept

over the country. It was inaugurated at Greenfield and in Highland county by Mr. Dickey. He made many speeches in southern Ohio during this movement, and was the recognized means of inducing hundreds to take the pledge. In June of this year he united with the Presbyterian Church, of Greenfield, under the pastorate of Rev. S. D. Crothers.

Owing to the turbulent condition of the country consequent upon the election of Mr. Hayes as president and the closing measures of reconstruction following the Civil war, an extra session of Congress was called, and in October, 1877, while in attendance at Congress, upon the motion of Hon. Stanley Matthews, Mr. Dickey was admitted to practice law in the Supreme Court of the United States, Chief Justice Waite then presiding.

During his term in the Forty-fifth Congress he delivered several speeches, and one of them against railroad subsidies, which he has always considered his best effort. He was renominated for the Forty-sixth Congress, without opposition, and was elected over W. W. McKnight, of Georgetown, receiving 15,355 votes against 13,986 for McKnight. Returning to the next Congress, Mr. Dickey introduced and succeeded in having enacted into a law a very important measure, which quieted the title to large tracts of land, and a great many imperfect land titles were cured in the Virginia Military District of Ohio. His speech upon this occasion was largely circulated, and much of it republished in many papers, and extracts from it have been reproduced in books.

At the expiration of this term in Congress, in 1881, Mr. Dickey resumed his law practice and engaged in banking, having been one of the organizers of the Commercial Bank of Greenfield, of which he is now the president.

Mr. Dickey is a charter member of McClain Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and was its first Chancellor Commander.

He has always taken an active part in all enterprises calculated to advance the welfare of Greenfield, and was largely instrumental in procuring the location and construction of the Ohio Southern Railroad and the water-works and electric-light plants of the town.

Twice has he been honored by his party with the nomination for Common Pleas Judge,—the first time in 1891, when he was endorsed by the People's party, but was defeated by Judge Cyrus Newby. In his second campaign for the Judgeship he was defeated by Judge J. C. Douglas, of Chillicothe. The district was largely Republican, and, while in his first judicial campaign, he was defeated by only 160 votes; at the same election and in the same counties Governor McKinley's majority was about 1,400 on the Republican ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Dickey's family consists of two sons: Harold A. and Charles A., and two daughters,—Mrs. Bessie H. Heiskill and Mrs. Clara A. DeVoss, all of whom are settled at Greenfield.

DR. HARRY RUTHVEN BELL is the only living male representative of the old Bell family that has figured so prominently in the history of Greenfield and Highland county, Ohio, for almost a century, excepting Dr. Ed R. Bell, of Ripley, Ohio; Charles Bell, of Lincoln, Nebraska; John J. Bell, of Chicago, Illinois, uncles of the above.

W. W. Bell, father of Dr. H. R. Bell,

was born at Greenfield, Ohio, July 31, 1824, and after passing almost sixty years there died June 11, 1884. He attended the public school until he was seventeen, and then entered his father's store, which was the beginning of his long and successful business career. At the death of his father he continued the business alone, and before his business career closed had reached the acme of success being considered the leading merchant and wealthiest citizen of the town. He also dealt largely in real estate, and in political matters took a prominent and active part. He was married February 28, 1848, to Miss Mary Della Hand, daughter of Dr. Jasper Hand, of Hillsborough, Ohio, one of the earliest physicians in the State. Mrs. Bell was born at Hillsborough, Ohio, January 28, 1828, and survived her husband more than eight years, her death having occurred July 6, 1892. She was a graduate of the Hillsborough Female Seminary and was an active member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The children of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bell were Charles Edwin; Ida May, wife of Prof. George W. Michael, of Oberlin, Ohio; Leliah, wife of W. A. Ohlen, Columbus, Ohio; Oscar Frye; Harry Ruthven; and Alexenia Williamson—all deceased except the last two mentioned.

Charles Bell, grandfather of our subject and father of W. W. Bell, was born in Virginia, May 5, 1794. He was brought by his parents to Greenfield when he was six years of age. Educational advantages here in those days were limited. Mr. Bell, however, succeeded in getting a few days schooling each year by going two miles to a master at Hop Run meeting-house. His youth and early manhood was spent mostly in his brother's blacksmith shop, where he became a first-class mechanic. In 1827 he bought the mercantile business of Joseph Jones, which he successfully conducted for a number of years and then sold to Robert Buck. He then bought a store building of Dr. James Roberts. It was in this building his son was associated with him and conducted business until the building of the Bell Block. He remained in business up to within a short time of his death. He was married twice, his first wife being Elizabeth, daughter of William Jones, an old settler of Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio. His second wife was Nancy, daughter of ex-Sheriff John Jones, of Hillsborough, but in no way related to his first wife. Mr. Bell was a shrewd business man, and one of the wealthiest in southern Ohio. He owned large tracts of land in Indiana as well as this State, and was considered worth over $100,000. His death occurred September 27, 1867.

William Wallace Bell, great-grandfather of Dr. Bell, and father of Charles Bell, was born in England May 28, 1763, and died at Greenfield, Ohio, one year after reaching this place, in November, 1801. He came to America when a boy, and served through the war of the Revolution. In 1798 he came from Virginia to the "High Banks" below Chillicothe. He was married to his wife, Mary, in New Jersey, in 1782. His son Joseph was born in 1783, and was the first blacksmith in Greenfield. The second son, Josiah, was born in 1784. Charles, mentioned above, was the youngest.

Dr. Harry Ruthven Bell was born in Greenfield, Ohio, October 29, 1861. After passing through the public schools, he took a short course at Nelson's Business College, of Cincinnati, Ohio. Four years were then spent in his father's store, after which he

entered the office of Dr. G. B. Anshutz, with the intention of learning dentistry. Eighteen months were spent at office work. He then entered the Ohio College of Dental Surgery of the State University at Cincinnati, and received his degree March 12, 1890. Immediately after his graduation he opened an office in Greenfield, and has been located here ever since, meeting with most satisfactory results.

Fraternally, he is a member of the I. O. O. F.

No one can point with more pride to his ancestors than can Dr. Bell. His maternal great-grandfather, Brigadier General Edward Hand, was the trusted friend and counselor of General Washington. He was born at Cly-Duff, Ireland, December 31, 1744, and came to America as Surgeon Mate in the Royal Irish Brigade in 1774. He settled in Pennsylvania and began the practice of his profession. At the breaking out of the Revolution he immediately identified himself with the cause of independence, and was chosen Lieutenant-Colonel of Thompson's Regiment, March 1, 1776. He received rapid promotion and was at the head of his regiment at the battle of Long Island, and from there until the battle of Trenton his corps was distinguished in every action of the war. He was appointed Brigadier General, April 1, 1777, and succeeded General Stark at Albany in October of the following year. Later he made a campaign against the Indians of Central New York. In August, 1780, the command of the two brigades of light infantry was assigned to General Hand. The latter part of the year he succeeded Adjutant General Scannell in his command, and remained in this position until the close of the war. He died at Rockford, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1802. General Hand, as above stated, was a warm and devoted friend of General Washington, who was frequently his guest. Dr. Bell still has in his possession household articles used by General Washington during these visits.

HON. JOHN CLAY ENTREKIN, attorney and counselor at law, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in Green township, Ross county, this State, February 11, 1844. His youth was not unlike that of any farmer's son, but in school he early gave evidence of an unusually well balanced mind and a keen intellect.

In giving an account of his career his ancestry has been traced directly through four generations to William Entrekin, whose father was born in the north of Ireland, of Scotch parents; the former emigrated to America about 200 years ago; his son, Colonel John Entrekin, was born in 1777, on the Hall farm on Willoughby creek and the Cashtown road, where the battle of Gettysburg opened on the morning of July 1, 1863; he moved from there to Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, about 1790, and from there to Ross county, Ohio, in 1796, accompanied by his parents, and afterward distinguished himself as a brave and gallant soldier, serving as Captain of cavalry from Ross county. After that war he served for many years as an officer of the Ohio militia, rising to the rank of Colonel in the war of 1812. He served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives in 1819-20, and afterward as Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Pickaway county, this State.

He married Nancy, a daughter of John Crouse, Sr., of Dutch descent, and a Revo-

John C. Entrekin.

lutionary soldier from Frederick county, Maryland, who had removed to Green township, Ross county, in 1797. The death of his mother occurred in 1800, and her burial at Hopetown is thought to have been the first of civilization in that vicinity. His father removed back to Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and died there a few years later. Colonel John Entrekin died in 1841 from the effects of a surgical operation performed by Dr. Mussey, of Cincinnati, Ohio; and his wife, Nancy, died a few years later. Both are buried in Mt. Pleasant cemetery, near Kingston, Ohio.

John Entrekin, son of Colonel John Entrekin, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born April 9, 1809. In 1835 he married Fanny Moore, the daughter of Joseph Moore, a native of Scotland, who emigrated to the United States previous to the war of the Revolution. Joseph Moore was born in Huntingdon county, Pennsylvania, and married Hannah Davis, whose father was a native of Wales and a member of one of the prominent families of Huntingdon county. They removed to Green township, Ross county, Ohio, in 1809, and both are buried at Crouse's Chapel in that township. John Entrekin and Fanny, his wife, died a few years ago in Saline county, Missouri, to which State they had removed in 1859.

At the age of eighteen years John C. Entrekin had begun an independent career, and was known as an ambitious and progressive educator. Upon the breaking out of the rebellion he left the school-room for the battle-field, enlisting, on August 12, 1862, in Company A, One Hundred and Fourteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in which he served until June 8, 1865, as a private soldier, when he was discharged, on account of disability caused by wounds received in defense of the old flag at the battle of Fort Blakely, Alabama. He distinguished himself on the field and was offered promotion in another regiment, which he declined. He participated in the engagements at Chickasaw Bayou, Arkansas Post and in the siege of Vicksburg. He was in many other battles of less note, and was wounded twice—once by a shell and once by a gunshot. He did not sufficiently recover from the latter to take up arms again before the war closed.

Returning to his home in Ohio, he entered the Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, this State, and two years later, in 1867, was graduated with the degree of A. B. For the two years following he was professor of mathematics at Warrenton, Missouri, at which place he was admitted to the bar, in June, 1870, and then returned to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he was again admitted, in September, 1870, and where he has since resided.

He was elected a member of the House of Representatives in 1875, and to the Senate from the Sixth district in 1879. He was again sent to the House of Representatives in 1885, and was the Speaker of that body during this term. He was City Solicitor of Chillicothe from 1872 to 1877, and was a member of the City Council from 1877 to 1881. He has been a member of the Ohio National Guard from June 6, 1873, to the present time, rising from First Lieutenant to Brigadier General, which position he now holds. He served as Colonel of the Sixth Regiment of Infantry, Ohio National Guards, for over seventeen years, during a large part of which time he was the ranking officer of the State. He was a member of the Republican State Committee for the years 1883 and 1884. When Honorable

William McKinley, Jr., became Governor of Ohio, on January 8, 1891, he accepted the position of Judge Advocate General on the Governor's staff, which he still holds. He was a delegate from the Eleventh District of Ohio to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis, Minnesota, in June, 1892, and voted for Mr. McKinley for President of the United States.

Mr. Entrekin was married July 15, 1874, to Miss Mary F., the daughter of Dr. C. M. Bethauser, a native of Carlsruhe, Baden, who was compelled to leave his country on account of his connection with the Revolution of 1848. Mr. and Mrs. Entrekin are the parents of two children: Helen Grant and John Crouse.

Since his residence in Chillicothe, Mr. Entrekin has become a conspicuous figure in the legal profession, and is recognized as one of the shrewdest counselors of the county. Possessing more than ordinary ability, by close attention to business he has won a foremost place among his brother attorneys, and has the respect and confidence of all who know him.

AMOS PUTMAN, a well-known and highly respected citizen of Frankfort, Ross county, Ohio, was born in Concord township, this county, son of Phillip and Martha (Clark) Putman, both natives of this place. His grandfather, also named Phillip Putman, was born on the banks of the Potomac river, in Virginia, a descendant of General Putman of Revolutionary fame. Grandfather Putman emigrated to Ohio about the year 1800, and was one of the first settlers in the township of Concord, Ross county. Here he purchased a tract of land, and in a little clearing on it he built a cabin. Both he and his wife lived to a good old age and died in their pioneer home. He was a Methodist. They reared a large family of children, only two of whom are now living. His son Phillip, born in the year 1813, grew up on a farm, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits in Concord township for many years. He helped to clear considerable of the land in this vicinity. Now at the age of eighty years, he makes his home with his son Amos. Amos Putman's maternal grandparents came from Virginia to Ohio about the time the Putmans came, and settled on what has since been known as Clark's prairie. The mother of our subject still lives, the cheerful companion of her aged husband. She is a devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. Five of their six children are still living.

For the past nine years Amos Putman has made his home in Frankfort, having retired from the active duties of farm life, in which he was extensively engaged for a number of years. Since 1892 he and his aged parents have resided in the elegant residence erected by him that year. Mr. Putman is a man of fine intellect and broad information. He has been an extensive traveler, has visited every State and Territory in the Union, and, being a close observer and a great reader, is well posted on all general topics. He has long been identified with the Masonic fraternity, having been initiated into the higher degrees of the order. He is a Deacon in the Presbyterian Church, and is a liberal supporter of all that pertains to church work. Politically, he is a Democrat. He is not, however, a politician, and has never aspired to office.

Mr. Putman is a veteran of the Civil war. He enlisted in the summer of 1862

in Company D, Eighty-ninth Ohio Regiment, of which he was made Sergeant. At the battle of Chickamauga, September 20, 1863, he was taken prisoner, and in various Southern prisons was confined for a period of seventeen months, being held at Andersonville about eight months. He was appointed by the officers in charge of the various prisons to take charge of a large number of men, his duty being to call the roll, keep track of the sick and dying, deal out rations, clothing, etc. While in Danville he and others determined to make their escape, if possible. They tunneled out, and about 200 escaped. The most of them, however, were recaptured. He was at that time sick with rheumatism and was therefore among those who failed to make good their escape. After he was paroled he came home and was honorably discharged. During his army service he and Governor Foraker were in the same regiment, drew rations together for a time, and were warm friends.

JOHN I. VANMETER was born in Hardy county, Virginia, in 1798. He was educated at Princeton, New Jersey, and at the law school of Judge Gould, at Litchfield, Connecticut. He commenced the practice of law at Moorefield, Hardy county, Virginia, and was shortly afterward elected to the Legislature of that State.

In 1826 he was married to Mary Harness, the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Williams) Harness, who were among the earliest settlers of the Scioto valley, having come to Ross county from Hardy county, Virginia, before 1800. In the year of their marriage John I. Vanmeter and his wife removed to their farm in Pike county, Ohio, where they continued to reside until the death of the latter in 1854. In 1855 he removed to Chillicothe, Ohio, where he died in 1875. He was elected to the lower house of the Ohio Legislature in 1836 and to the Ohio Senate in 1840; and in 1842 he was elected to Congress. From the time of his arrival in Ohio he took rank among the leading men of the Scioto valley, and died respected by all who knew him. Of his children, seven lived beyond the age of infancy,—Elizabeth H., Joseph H., Isaac, John M., Eliza and Sally (twins) and Mary. Of these only two are now living,—John Marshall and Mary.

John Marshall Vanmeter was born at the family home in Pike county, Ohio, in September, 1836. He was educated at the University of Virginia and at Jefferson College, Pennsylvania, graduating at the latter institution in 1854, at the age of eighteen. He graduated at the Harvard Law School in 1857 and commenced the practice of law in the fall of that year at Chillicothe. In January, 1861, he was married to Eliza Irwin Sisson, the daughter of Dr. Pelig and Eliza (Waters) Sisson. Mrs. Vanmeter died in 1865, leaving three children,—John I., Eliza Irwin and Marshall Sisson, the latter of whom died in early manhood. In 1872 he married Susan T. Cunningham, the daughter of William Streit and Sally (Vanmeter) Cunningham, of Hardy county, Virginia. Of this marriage three children were born: William Streit, Mary Harness and Sally Cunningham, the first of whom died in childhood

He continued to practice law until 1881, having, in the meantime, served a short term as Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, to which office he was appointed by

Governor Allen, to fill the unexpired term occasioned by the death of Judge Mitchell Gray. In 1881 he retired from the practice of his profession, but not from active business, and has since been engaged in the business of farming, and has also been connected with the Central National and Savings Banks of Chillicothe, of which latter he has been president from its organization.

ISAAC S. COOK, one of the most prominent farmers of Ross county, descended from an honorable ancestry whose name is not separable from the history of this part of the State.

The Hon. Isaac Cook, grandfather of Isaac S. Cook, was born at Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. In 1798 he emigrated to Ohio and located on the Scioto river above Chillicothe. A year or two later his family joined him on the frontier, and in 1800 he removed to Union township. A part of his mission when he came to Ohio was to locate the land called for in the claim of John Nevil, a soldier of the Revolutionary war. He purchased a portion of this tract and sold a considerable amount to others. He built a log house and began the improvement of the land, which has been developed through years of cultivation into one of the choicest farms of the valley. He died in 1842, having attained more than three-score years and ten. During the latter part of the Revolutionary war he served his country, although a mere boy. He became Associate Judge, a position he filled with dignity for many years, and during several terms was a member of the State Legislature. He took an active part in the political events of his county and State, and was held in the highest esteem by a large circle of acquaintances. The original homestead consisted of 600 acres, which he had increased before his death to 1,000 acres. He married Margaret Scott, whose death occurred some years previous to that of her husband. They were the parents of four sons and four daughters, all of whom are deceased excepting Mrs. Phebe McKell.

William Cook, son of Isaac Cook and father of the subject of this notice, was born on his father's farm in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, April 16, 1807. He was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and when he had attained his majority engaged in agricultural pursuits. He came into possession of the homestead, where he passed his entire life. He died September 4, 1892, at the age of eighty-five years. The first political party to which he gave allegiance was the Whig, and later became identified with the Republican party. He had no aspirations for a public career, but faithfully performed his duties as a private citizen. He was a successful farmer and owned 1,500 acres of fine land, which he brought to a high state of cultivation. He was married to Mary G. Hough, a daughter of one of the prominent settlers of this county. She was born in 1812 and died in 1877. Four daughters and one son were born of this marriage, all of whom are living.

Isaac S. Cook was born in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, September 7, 1843. He was quietly pursuing his studies in the Chillicothe high school when the call to arms resounded through the land. Leaving his books and cherished plans behind, he enlisted in Company D, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served about sixteen months, at the end of which time he was honorably discharged on account of

disability. At Tullahoma, Tennessee, he was taken ill, and for two months was confined to the hospital. After his return home and partial restoration to health, he entered the Pennsylvania Military Academy at Westchester, Pennsylvania, where he passed two years as a student. In 1865 he took charge of the old Cook homestead, and has since been engaged in all branches of husbandry. He and his sister own 1,100 acres in one body.

Mr. Cook was married in 1876 to Rowena Nye, a daughter of A. Spencer Nye, now deceased, one of the prominent citizens of Marietta, Ohio, in early times. Mrs. Nye survives, a resident of Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs Cook are the parents of a family of five children: William, Spencer, Margaret, Isaac and Edward. Mr. Cook is an ardent Republican and is a member of the G. A. R. Mrs. Cook was educated in the high-school of Chillicothe. In her religious faith she adheres to the Protestant Episcopal Church

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DR. WILLIAM HOYT, a prominent physician of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in the province of Quebec, eighty miles east of Montreal, September 8, 1839, son of Nason and Susan (Webster) Hoyt, both natives of New Hampshire. The Hoyts were New England people for eight generations. The Doctor's parents had gone to the province of Quebec when they were children, and when he was fourteen years old they removed with their family to New York and settled in Chautauqua county.

William was educated chiefly in the common schools of Chautauqua county, New York, and began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. A. B. Spinney, of Clymer, New York, who moved in 1862 to East Saginaw, Michigan. In August, that year, Dr. Hoyt enlisted in Company D, One Hundred and Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry, and served through the war, being Second Lieutenant of Company I at the time of his discharge in July, 1865.

On returning from the army in 1865 he resumed his studies with Dr. Spinney, and afterward attended lectures at the Homeopathic Hospital College of Cleveland, Ohio, where he graduated with the class of 1867. He then practiced his profession for a few months with Dr. Spinney, and in September, 1867, he located at Hillsborough, Ohio, where he soon found himself at the head of a lucrative practice and where he has since remained. He is now surgeon of the G. A. R. Post, of which he is a member.

Politically, the Doctor is a Republican. He has served four years as Pension Examiner, and for twelve years has been a member of the Board of Education. He is a member of the State Homeopathic Medical Society and of the International Hahnemannian Association, and he is prominently identified with the Masonic fraternity, having received all the York rite degrees.

He was married November 12, 1868, to Miss Sarah E. Keeler, of East Saginaw, Michigan. Their five children are: Ettie C., Annie F., Cora L., W. Maurice and Leslie J.

GEORGE HOLMAN, a farmer of Ross county, was born in Green township, this county, December 21, 1821, a son of John Holman, one of the prominent early settlers of Ross county. George, the fourth in a family of thirteen children, was reared on the old

Holman homestead, where he remained until reaching years of maturity. He then taught school in a log house for several terms, also conducted a harness shop for a time, later clerked in a store at Kingston, and in 1849 turned his attention to farming. In 1852 he located on his present farm of 178 acres of good land in the valley of Kinnikinnick.

Mr. Holman was married in 1849 to Nancy A. Karshner, a native of Colerain township, Ross county, and a daughter of Daniel Karshner, one of the early pioneers in this locality. Our subject and wife have had no children of their own, but have reared and educated an adopted son, Austin W. Holman. He graduated with the honors of his class at Heidelberg College, in Tiffin, Ohio, in 1890. He then entered the Medical College at Cleveland, and afterward graduated at the Medical College of Burlington, Vermont. Mr. Holman located for the practice of his profession at Circleville, Ohio. Our subject also educated two other young men, both of whom graduated at Heidelberg College. Mr. and Mrs. Holman are members of the German Reformed Church, in which the former has served as Elder and Deacon for many years. In political matters he acts with the Republican party, and was the choice of his party for Trustee and Assessor.

DR. WILLIAM K. COLEMAN, a prominent physician and citizen of Adams county, was born at West Union, October 27, 1853, and is the son of David and E. C. (Kirker) Coleman. His father was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, near Cannonsburg, where the family was an old one. David Coleman was a physician. He removed to Carroll county, Ohio, from Pennsylvania, and thence came to Adams county in 1849, locating in West Union. He was the only medical graduate in the county during his early years here, being a graduate of the Western Reserve University of Cleveland, Ohio. He died on the 11th of December, 1887, aged sixty-five years.

The mother of our subject was born in Adams county. Her grandfather, Governor Thomas Kirker, settled here at an early day. He lived three miles west of West Union. Her father, William Kirker, was born in this county. She herself is now a resident of West Union. She was born in 1833. There were five children by this marriage, two of whom died in infancy. Our subject was the oldest child.

Dr. William K. Coleman was reared in West Union and received his early education here. He began the study of medicine with his father, and attended the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, graduating in 1881. He entered into partnership with his father and continued in that connection until the latter's death. He was married here, on the 25th of June, 1879, to Miss Mary M. McFarren, who was also born in West Union, and is the daughter of J. W. McFarren, an attorney of high standing, who went out as Major of the Seventieth Ohio Regiment and died at Memphis in 1862.

Mr. and Mrs. William K. Coleman are the parents of three children: John McFarren, David C. and Mary L. The Doctor is a member of the West Union Lodge No. 43, F. & A. M.; Manchester Chapter, R. A. M.; and Calvary Commandery No. 13, Portsmouth. He served six years as Master of the local blue lodge. He is president

of the Adams County Medical Society and belongs to the Ohio State Medical Society as well. In politics he is a Republican and has contributed in many ways to the success of the party in this county. He is an able physician and a man of the highest standing in the community in which he was reared.

FRANK JUNEMAN, deceased, was the founder of the Electric Light and Power Company, Chillicothe, Ohio, and was one of the most successful business men of this place.

A native of Hanover, Germany, he possessed the industry and thrift characteristic of his countrymen, and amassed a handsome fortune before his death. He was born in 1835, and remained in the land of his nativity until nineteen years of age; then unaccompanied he crossed the sea to the United States, and settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he was employed as a tailor's cutter, having mastered this calling in his own country. At the end of two years he came to Chillicothe, and secured a position as cutter with Epstein & Hecht, merchant tailors; he remained in their employ seven years, winning a reputation for himself that is an honorable heritage to his posterity.

He was married in 1861 to Miss Angelica Fuchs, who was born in Bavaria, Germany, and emigrated to this country at the age of eighteen years for the purpose of visiting a sister then a resident in this country. Mr. and Mrs. Juneman had three children: Rosa, Henry and John. Mr. Juneman opened a merchant tailoring establishment in 1867, and conducted a large and prosperous business until 1888. He also operated branch stores at Wellston and Waverly, Ohio. In April, 1884, he founded the Electric Light and Power Company; this is a very valuable plant and furnishes lights for the city and to private establishments. In his death, August 26, 1889, a useful career was ended, and one more brave and courageous soul was gathered to its rest. Although he began the struggle of life without means other than the endowments of Nature, he attained success, and was known as one of Chillicothe's most enterprising and progressive citizens. Since his death Mrs. Juneman and her sons have had the management of the business; the company has been reorganized and incorporated with Mrs. Juneman as president, Henry Juneman as manager, and John Juneman as electrician; the family still own the entire plant. In 1888 he took a trip to Europe, hoping to regain his failing health; he spent three months in visiting the scenes of his youth and his relatives and friends, and while the journey was fruitful of much enjoyment the chief object was not gained, nor the Pale Visitant deterred from his purpose. In his death the community lost one of its most valued citizens, and the family a stanch and loving support.

ABEL D. HEATON, connected with the Vigo Milling Company, was born in Erie county, New York, September 1, 1846, a son of Levi and Anna (Dalby) Heaton, natives respectively of New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Abel D., the fifth in a family of seven children, remained in his native county until twenty-one years of age, after which he spent one season in Belvidere, Illinois, and in the spring of 1869 came to Ross county,

Ohio. He was first employed as clerk by David Climer one and a half years, afterward taught school, principally in Ross county, for a time; was next engaged in sawmilling, farming and threshing for seven years; bought and conducted a farm in Liberty township eleven years, and then sold his land and purchased an interest in the Vigo Mills in the spring of 1892.

Mr. Heaton was married in Jefferson township, Ross county, December 25, 1870, to Mrs. R. Augusta DeVese, a native of Richmond Dale, and the widow of Joseph L. DeVese, who was killed at the battle of Lookout Mountain, October 29, 1864, leaving a wife and one child, Joseph E. Mrs. Heaton is a daughter of John Sigler, who was born in Virginia, November 21, 1805. His wife, who was born in New York, June 30, 1798, died in Richmond Dale, Ross county, in September, 1881, at the age of eighty-three years. Mr. and Mrs. Heaton have two children,—Leona and Merton T. One child, Hester L., died at the age of ten years. Mr. Heaton acts with the Republican party, and has held the office of Justice of the Peace for several terms. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he has held many prominent offices.

SAMUEL HICKLE, a prominent cattle dealer of Ross county, Ohio, has been engaged in this business for nearly half a century.

He was born in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, August 6, 1824, in the log cabin built by his father, Henry Hickle. His schooling was limited to a few months attendance each year at the little log schoolhouse near his home, but in the practical school of experience he has acquired a wide range of useful information. Until he was eighteen he lived at home, helping his father to clear their land and doing other farm work. At that age the death of his father left him dependent on his own resources. The first year he worked out by the month, earning $70, and the following two or three years he received from $80 to $90 a year. During this time he laid up some money. During the forties he and his brother Henry purchased a small farm in Colerain township, on which they carried on agricultural pursuits for several years. They then sold out, and with his part of the proceeds, Samuel Hickle bought a farm near Kingston, Green township, this county, on which he lived about four years. At the end of that time he disposed of it and purchased another farm in the same township. On this latter place he lived for twenty-eight years, after which he sold it. A few years ago he moved back to Colerain township and located on his present place, which he purchased about that time, and which comprises 500 acres, all in grass and used as pasture. For nearly fifty years he has been dealing in cattle, and recently he has devoted his whole attention to the cattle business. He has fed and prepared for market as many as 200 head of cattle in a single winter.

Mr. Hickle was married in 1852 to Miss Malinda Stanhope, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Thomas and Mary A. (Dalrymple) Stanhope, the former a native of New Jersey, and the latter of Virginia. Her father came to Ohio in 1812, and the following year her mother and parents came here from Virginia. They were married here in June, 1833, and in Harrison township, Ross county, Mr. Stan-

hope engaged in farming. He was born near Trenton, New Jersey, in the year 1802, and died at his home in this county, in December, 1860. Her mother died in May, 1892, in her eightieth year. They reared six children, five of whom are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Hickle have seven children, namely: Mary, Orpha, Clayton, Luther, Grace, Harry and Nellie. All have had good educational advantages, one having attended college at Oxford, Ohio. The others attended at Chillicothe and Kingston.

Politically, Mr. Hickle is a Republican; fraternally, a member of the I. O. O. F. He is a man of conservative views and excellent judgment, and is eminently a self-made man.

JACOB SIGLER, a farmer of Jefferson township, Ross county, is a son of Adam (born November 30, 1810) and Rebecca (Wight) Sigler (born in New York, February 2, 1811). The parents were married in Jefferson township, Ohio, and remained there, the father dying May 1, 1884, and the mother still surviving at an advanced age.

Jacob Sigler, the third in a family of nine children, was born in Jefferson township, July 8, 1834. Farming has been his chief occupation through life, and he now owns 186 acres of fine agricultural land, with good improvements. In political matters he votes with the Democratic party, and was the choice of his party for Township Trustee one term. Mr. Sigler was married at this place December 24, 1858, to Samantha Leach, who was reared in Jackson township, Jackson county, Ohio. They have had four children: Jacob E., who married Carrie D. Watson; Zoa W., who married Miss Nina White; Artie May, the wife of W. J. Beyerly; and Alonzo D., who died in infancy.

JOSEPH SIGLER, a farmer of Ross county, is a son of Adam and Rebecca (Wight) Sigler, both natives of Jefferson township, this county, the former born November 30, 1810, and the latter February 2, 1811. They were married here January 12, 1832, where they continued to reside until the father's death, May 1, 1884. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Sarah, William, Jacob, Mary A., Joseph, John, Wheeler, Alonzo and Hester M.

Joseph Sigler, our subject, was born in Jefferson township, October 1, 1838, and was reared to manhood on his father's farm. He received a good common school education, and for seven years thereafter was engaged in school-teaching in Jackson county, Ohio, spending the entire time in one district. Since that date he has devoted his time principally to agricultural pursuits. Mr. Sigler has taken an active part in local and educational matters, has served one term as Justice of the Peace, held the office of Township Treasurer, and has also served in school offices.

In Jackson township, Jackson county, Ohio, January 14, 1862, he was united in marriage with Louisa A. Springer, who was born in that county August 31, 1840, a daughter of Alanson and Margaret Springer. The father died in Jackson county, and the mother afterward married John Dixon, of Moultrie county, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Sigler have six children,—Pleasant M., deceased in infancy; Kate C. O., wife of Jacob C. Stultz; Agnes B., now Mrs. E. J.

Dray; Maggie R. and Carl C. Mr. Sigler is a stanch temperance man, having always abstained from the use of tobacco and malt liquors in every form. Of the five children that he raised to man and womanhood he never struck one of them with his hand or switch in correction.

FREDERICK F. PARRETT, who has been for many years engaged in general farming and stock-raising in Buckskin township, is a native of Ross county, Ohio, born August 16, 1835. His father is George Parrett. Frederick F. Parrett passed an uneventful youth in common with many another son of pioneer parents; his early lessons were learned in the primitive log school-house, and he was afterward a pupil in the South Salem Academy. His father owned a large amount of land, and he and his brothers became inured to the hard labor of the farm. Arriving at the age of twenty-one years he formed a partnership with his father and brothers, and they jointly carried on a general farming business. This relationship existed until the death of the father in 1863, when the land was divided among the heirs, and our subject turned his attention to the cultivation of the portion that fell to his lot. In 1884 he erected a comfortable residence and made many other valuable improvements.

He was married in 1862 to Miss Lucinda Kuhl, a native of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of John and Charity Kuhl, natives of Virginia and Ohio respectively; the mother is deceased, but the father survives, at the age of eighty-six years. They reared a family of eleven children. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett have had four children: George, Charity, deceased, Charles and Ruth. In politics Mr. Parrett acts with the Republican party, and has served six years as Trustee of his township. He has always taken a deep interest in local affairs, giving encouragement to those enterprises calculated to be of public benefit. He and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which he is a Deacon. He is now the owner of 292 acres of choice land, and is regarded as one of the most intelligent and useful members of the farming community of Buckskin township.

JOHN H. PORTER, another one of the well-to-do farmers of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, is deserving of some personal mention in this work.

Mr. Porter was born in the township in which he now lives July, 5, 1834. His father was the late Joshua Porter, brother of Peter Porter, of Concord township, this county, and was born near Chillicothe, Ohio, December 21, 1802. In Twin township he married Rachel Henry, who was born in Virginia in February, 1809. After their marriage they settled in this township, where they spent the rest of their lives and died, his death occurring June 5, 1880, and her's September 5, 1887. Their family was composed of the following members: Isabella, wife of Alexander Taylor; John H., the subject of this article; Mary J., wife of William R. Wilcox; William R.; Althea, wife of Samuel Hornback; and Rosa E.

John H. Porter was born and reared in the vicinity in which he has ever since lived. All his life he has devoted his energies to farming and stock-raising, and at this writ-

ing is the owner of a fine farm of 300 acres, well improved and highly cultivated.

He was married here January 25, 1860, to Miss Mary H. Core, who was born in this township February 6, 1832, daughter of Jacob and Nancy M. (Foster) Core. Her father died when she was quite young, but her mother lived until September, 1889.

Mr. Porter has taken a fair degree of interest in school matters and local affairs, and has filled several minor offices in the township. He and his wife are active members in the Presbyterian Church.

JOHN STEWART, a highly respected citizen of New Market, Ohio, was born on his father's farm near New Newark, this State, September 15, 1824. His father, James Stewart was a native of Glasgow, Scotland, and when very young his parents emigrated to America, settling on the old homestead near Newark, just mentioned. There the grandfather of the subject of this sketch died, in the 104th year of his age. Our subject's mother, whose maiden name was Hannah Bevard, was of Dutch parentage, and was born near Laurel Hill, Pennsylvania, and when she was a small girl her people came to Licking county, Ohio, and she at length became the wife of James Stewart. Their children are: David, the oldest, who died in his twenty-second year; Alexander, who married Martha Hathaway, and has a number of children, and is now living a retired life in Council Bluffs, Iowa; Jeremiah, who died in infancy; Jackson, who married Margaret Dunn, was a blacksmith by trade and was living in Brown county at the time of his death; Rachel, who died in infancy; Mary, who married Mr. Lowry, an Illinois farmer now deceased; John, our subject, was next; Elijah, who married and was a farmer in Illinois at the time of his death; Charles, who died in young manhood; and Elias, who married Elizabeth Stewart (not a relative) and was a farmer in Iowa at his decease.

Mr. John Stewart has been married twice. His first wife, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Strain, was of an old and respected family, was born December 29, 1817, and was the daughter of John and Margaret Strain. John Strain was born June 4, 1788, and his wife, Margaret, May 25, 1791. Their children were: Harriet, born March 18, 1810; Leah, April 27, 1811; Rachel, December 23, 1814; Elizabeth, March 31, 1816; Mary Ann (Mrs. Stewart); George, December 4, 1819; Henry, May 27, 1822; and Allen, February 25, 1824.

Mrs. Stewart's death occurred in May, 1877, after having but one child, which died in infancy; she was of a delicate constitution and afflicted with spasms.

Mr. Stewart's second marriage occurred February 28, 1878, when he wedded Mary Ellen Drake, who was born January 30, 1844, the daughter of William J. and Eliza Jane (Van Pelt) Drake. The other children were: Elizabeth Price, who followed teaching for an occupation, and died May 27, 1873; Samuel Wesley, who married Rebecca E. Webster; Sarah Jane, who became the wife of W. W. West, and is now living in Samantha; John Elmer, who married Mary Routh, and is following agricultural pursuits in Highland county.

Mr. Stewart left his paternal home before he was twenty years of age, with only ten cents in cash, which he soon spent for a phamphlet copy of the New Testament.

In a short time, however, he found another dime, which he spent for a piece of muslin to patch his shirt. When he left home it was for the purpose of coming to Hillsborough to learn the blacksmith's trade; his brother was already there. Finally reaching his destination, he bound himself to Zimri Manker, to work two years for clothes, board and three months' schooling; but he never received the schooling. At the close of this time he was employed by John Lemons for a time; then went to Cincinnati and to Newtown, Ohio, where he obtained a job, at $22 a month, and worked four months. Returning to Hillsborough, he was employed by John Timberlick nine months, at the same wages. Mr. Timberlick failed in business, and Mr. Stewart was obliged to take a set of tools for his payment. Then, in company with his brother, he opened a shop at Fincastle, Brown county, this State, and conducted it for a year. Closing out this establishment, Mr. Stewart opened a shop at New Market, Highland county, where he has since resided. When he came here there were three shops in the place, but they have all gradually disappeared excepting that of Mr. Stewart. At first he rented a building, but was soon able to own his shop, and he now owns twenty-two acres of ground within the town site; and he also has a fine farm of 150 acres near town and another 150-acre tract in Brush Creek township. Thus we see how his industry, enterprise and steady perseverance and integrity have brought to him permanent prosperity, along with a peaceful conscience.

For years he has been Constable in his district, was Deputy Sheriff two terms under Sheriff Hayes. Joining the church when a mere boy, he has lived the consistent life of a Christian ever since, and is now the main pillar in the Christian Union Church at New Market.

SILAS F. GARRETT, who has been for many years a close student of law, is one of the leading attorneys of Ross county, and is entitled to representation in this history.

He was born in Green township, Ross county, Ohio, February 23, 1851, a son of James Henry Garrett, a native of Essex county, Virginia. The paternal grandfather was Reuben Garrett, also a native of Essex county, Virginia, born in 1784. The great-grandfather was William Garrett, a native of Essex county, Virginia, and a descendant of Irish ancestors. He was a farmer and tobacco-grower, and had a still for apple-jack. It was in the barn of his son Richard Henry in Caroline county that Booth, the assassin, was killed. Reuben Garrett was a tailor by trade and followed this vocation after his removal to Ohio in 1832; he died in Kingston, Ross county, Ohio, in 1857. James H. Garrett was reared to the life of a farmer, and still follows agricultural pursuits. He married Susan Jones, a native of Vinton county, Ohio, and a daughter of Henry Jones, a Virginian by birth, and an early settler of Vinton county; he had a family of fifteen children, all of whom grew to years of maturity.

Silas F. Garrett, the eldest of the twelve children, attended the common schools in his boyhood, and later entered the Kingston Academy, where he studied three years. In his youth he worked by the month, assisting in the support of the family. As soon as he had made sufficient attain-

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ment he engaged in teaching, following this profession through eleven terms of school.

In 1875 he began the study of law in the office of Judge Safford, occupying all his leisure time in this work. He was admitted to the bar September 26, 1877, and afterward taught one term of six months for the purpose of securing funds to purchase the books necessary to his practice. April 1, 1878, he opened his office in Chillicothe, and gained his first experience at the bar alone. In May, 1892, he became associated with Mr. Freeman, with whom he does a large amount of legal work. They have an extensive business and are numbered among the safe and careful counselors of the bar of Ross county.

Mr. Garrett was married November 3, 1886, to Miss Adelaide M. Rollin, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, July 11, 1861, and they have had four children: Marie Z., Dolores E., George R. and Bernadetta Louise. Mrs. Garrett is a devout member of St. Mary's Church.

In 1880 Mr. Garrett was a candidate for Prosecuting Attorney, but failed of election by seventy-three votes, although the county has a Republican majority of 300. He has represented the Democratic party as City Solicitor two terms, from 1881 to 1885, and again in 1891 was elected to the office; he has been a member of the School Board four years, serving as president one year. He belongs to the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and for five years was a member of the O. N. G. During twelve years he was a member of the Democratic county executive committee, acting as chairman two years of this time. He is a man of excellent ability and has won his way to independence in the world through his own unyielding efforts.

JOHN W. BAIRD is one of the most highly respected citizens of Paint township, and is entitled to more than passing notice in this volume.

He was born in Perry county, Ohio, August 1, 1820, and is a son of Samuel Baird, a member of an old Pennsylvania family of Irish descent. His father emigrated to Ohio in an early day and settled in Perry county, where he engaged in farming. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. He was twice married, the first wife dying in 1823; she was the mother of two children: William, a resident of Knox county, Ohio, and John W., the subject of this notice. The second wife lived to a ripe old age, rearing a family of four children: Samuel, James, deceased, Mary and Alexander.

Although his educational facilities were the most meagre John W. Baird made the most of the opportunities offered in the primitive log school-house of the frontier. He remained under the parental roof for some years after reaching his majority. After the death of his father he began an independent career, coming to Ross county, where he had been advised he could secure work. Arriving at Chillicothe, destiny threw him in the way of a good old Presbyterian elder who recognized his ability and worth. He recommended him to Enos Prather as a tutor to his children. Mr. Prather was a wealthy farmer and stock-dealer, and a prominent member of society. He employed young Baird, who acted as teacher in his family for two years, and afterward he was employed as his stock-buyer; and he traveled over the country for six years, buying large numbers of cattle and live-stock. He proved himself equally capable in this work, and in all his transactions

gave evidence of the depth of his integrity; he was always temperate in his habits and had a high appreciation of the trust reposed in him.

He was united in marriage in 1851 to Mary Stinson, of Ross county, after which he located on a farm on Paint creek; two years later he removed to the place he has since made his home, a valuable farm lying in Buckskin valley. The wife died in July, 1892, the mother of one son, William A., who was born May 8, 1853.

William A. Baird has been reared and educated in Ross county, and has become identified with her political history. He is stanch Republican. When quite a young man was elected Treasurer of Paint township, and served in this office ten years in succession. In February, 1893, he was appointed Commissioner to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Capt. J. C. Crawford, who was killed on the railroad. In the fall of 1893 Mr. Baird was elected to the same office, receiving a larger majority than any other candidate upon the ticket.

He was married in 1874 to Miss Alice Ross, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Andrew Ross, a farmer of Buckskin township. They have four children: Mary, Effie, deceased, Ruth and Frank. During the past four years Mr. Baird has been largely engaged in buying and shipping live-stock.

John W. Baird has been a member of the Presbyterian Church ever since his eighteenth year, and for thirty years has been an Elder in the church; his son is also a Deacon of the church. Mr. Baird began his career endowed with only those gifts Nature sometimes bestows upon her children. True to his sense of honor and justice, he has ever been upon the side of the oppressed and down-trodden, and has always been found worthy of the respect and esteem in which he is held.

JUDGE HENRY MARTYN HUGGINS, of the firm of Huggins & Horst, Hillsborough, Ohio, is one of the prominent and influential men of Highland county.

Judge Huggins was born in Clay township, Highland county, Ohio, February 2, 1842, his parents being James E. and Arethusa C. (Diball) Huggins. His paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Some representatives of the family came to this country in the latter part of the eighteenth century.

Henry Martyn Huggins received a good common-school education, and at the age of twenty began the study of law under the instructions of his uncle, A. C. Diball, of Wilmington, Ohio. At Dayton, Ohio, in 1868, he was admitted to the bar, and immediately thereafter opened an office for the practice of his profession at Mount Orab, this State, where he continued until 1872. In 1872 he removed to Hillsborough, formed a partnership with Henry A. Shepherd, and under the firm name of Shepherd & Huggins did business one year. At the end of that time he became associated with Albert G. Matthews, the firm name being Matthews & Huggins. This partnership continued until the elevation of Mr. Huggins to the position of Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, in the fall of 1881, the circuit covering the counties of Highland, Ross and Fayette. In 1886 he was re-elected, and served until 1891. He was each time nominated by acclamation, and each time had the largest majority given in his district and county.

Then, after serving ten years on the bench, he refused to accept further honors at the hands of his constituents, and returned to his law practice. In January, 1893, he became associated with his present partner, John R. Horst, under the name of Huggins & Horst, and this firm is now one of the most prominent ones in the county.

Judge Huggins was married September 6, 1876, to Miss Mary F Delaplane, only child of Judge N. L. Delaplane, of Highland county, Ohio. Their children are Burch Delaplane and Lucile Norris, aged sixteen and fourteen years respectively.

NELSON LONG, of Kingston, was born in Green township, Ross county, Ohio, March 27, 1839, a son of Peter Long, who was born near Hamilton, Canada, in 1798. The grandfather, Jacob Long, a native of Pennsylvania, emigrated to Canada, and later came to Ohio, where he died at a ripe old age. Peter Long, a farmer by occupation, came to Ohio in an early day, locating in Ross county, where he cleared considerable land, and his death occurred here January 1, 1867. He served in the British army during the war of 1812. Mr. Long was married in this county to Sarah Pontius, her parents having emigrated to this State from Pennsylvania. She died at the age of eighty-two years.

Nelson Long, the eldest, and the only one now living of his parents' children, attended the subscription schools in early life, and afterward entered the Mt. Pleasant Academy, at Kingston. After completing his education he engaged in agricultural pursuits, and followed that occupation until within about one year ago, when he retired from active labor and moved to Kingston. Mr. Long owns about 600 acres in Ross and Pickaway counties, and his farm in Green township is located in the Kinnikinnick valley. He also owns a flour mill at Kingston, and other city property.

In 1875 Mr. Long was united in marriage with Isabelle Kellenberger, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Nelson Kellenberger. To this union have been born five children: Frederick P., Nellie B., Ethel, Hazel and Bessie. Our subject is identified with the Democratic party, has served as Township Trustee several terms, and also as School Director.

Mr. Long has witnessed a great change in this community since his boyhood days, has always taken an active interest in the growth and development of his city and county, and is looked upon as a successful and energetic business man.

JOHN M. WILTSHIRE, a prominent medical practitioner of Gillespieville, is a son of William and Lydia (Stinson) Wiltshire, natives respectively of Rockingham county, Virginia, and Ohio. William Wiltshire emigrated to Ross county, Ohio, with his father, also named William, in 1825, and located about five and a half miles south of Chillicothe, in Scioto township. He was married in 1833, and continued to remain on the old homestead until his death, which occurred January 18, 1888, at the age of about eighty-one years. His widow still survives, at an advanced age.

John M. Wiltshire, the eldest in a family of seven sons and three daughters, was born on the old homestead in Ross county, October 8, 1834. He remained at home

until he began the study of medicine, having graduated at the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, in the class of 1865. During the late war he served eleven months in the army, and was assigned to hospital duty, but while in service was disabled by a stroke of paralysis, and received his discharge. Since 1862 Mr. Wiltshire has followed the practice of his chosen profession at Gillespieville. In addition to his large and increasing practice, he also owns a fine farm of 800 acres in Ross county.

The Doctor was married near Portsmouth, Ohio, in April, 1856, to Miss Mary Sutherland, who was born in Coshocton, this State. They have four children: William H., James S., Mary F. and John E. Dr. Wiltshire is a member of the Ross County Medical Society.

CHARLES G. BRIGGS is one of the most thrifty and promising young agriculturists in Concord township and is entitled to representation among the leading men of Ross county. He first saw the light of day on the farm which is still his home, June 8, 1856. The name of his father was Charles Briggs. Our subject passed his youth in the usual fashion of farmers' sons, attending the district school during the short winter term and assisting in the sowing and reaping of the crops in the summer season.

He was united in marriage in 1879 to Miss Laura Young, of Concord township, a daughter of Nelson and Martha (Bush) Young, the father and mother both being natives of Ross county, Ohio. Charles Briggs was born in 1806 and died in 1879; his wife died in 1888. Charles G. Briggs and wife are the parents of six children: Earl, Maggie, Grover, Allen, Roy and Marie.

The Briggs homestead comprises 177 acres of choice land, lying in the valley of the north fork of Paint creek, and is watered by some excellent springs from which there is an abundant supply throughout the year. Mr. Briggs carries on a general farming business, dealing extensively in live-stock, the standard of which has been raised appreciably in this county through his efforts. He adheres to the principles of the Democratic party, is a member of the Masonic fraternity and of the Knights of Pythias. He is a young man of excellent business ability and is well worthy of the confidence he inspires in all with whom he has dealings.

DAVIS N. KELLENBERGER, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Ross county, was born in Green township, this county, October 13, 1857, a son of Nelson Kellenberger, who was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, June 25, 1823. The grandfather, George Kellenberger, was a native of Maryland, and his ancestors were among the early settlers of Pennsylvania. The latter emigrated to Huntington township, Ross county, Ohio, in a very early day, where he was engaged in farming and sawmilling for several years, and subsequently removed to Pickaway township, Pickaway county, Ohio. At the latter place he owned a large tract of land, also conducted a flour mill in an early day, was a prominent and well-known man in his community, at one time was a candidate for Representative, and his death occurred at a ripe old age. Mr. Kellenberger reared a large family of children, only one of whom is now living. Nelson Kellenberger, the

next youngest in the above family, located in Green township, Ross county, after his marriage, purchasing a large tract of land, only ten acres of which was cleared. At that time wild game was plentiful, and Mr. Kellenberger was very fond of hunting, especially wild turkey. He cleared most of his land, but in 1878 retired from active labor, and moved to Chillicothe, this State, where he died in 1887. At his death he owned over 600 acres of land in the Scioto valley. He was successful in all his undertakings, was a good financier, was well read on the general topics of the day, and was respected by all who knew him. He held many of the township offices. The mother of our subject, formerly Harriet Goodman, was a native of Green township, and a daughter of Daniel Goodman. She now resides in Chillicothe. Mr. and Mrs. Kellenberger had eight children, all of whom are still living.

Davis Kellenberger, the subject of this sketch, was reared to farm life, and received his education in the district schools and at Kingston. After his father's removal to Chillicothe, Mr. Kellenberger rented the latter's farm in Green township, where he has ever since remained. He is one of the leading stock-raisers in the Scioto valley, engaged in buying, feeding and shipping, and also follows general farming. Mr. Kellenberger is a Democrat in political matters, as were also his father and grandfather.

DAVID HOUK, one of the largest land-owners of the Scioto valley, was born in Pike county, Ohio, April 22, 1823, a son of Jacob Houk. The father was a native of Beaver county, Pennsylvania, and of German descent. He emigrated to Ohio prior to the war of 1812, and located in the Scioto valley. In the spring of 1852 he visited the West for the purpose of locating a land warrant which he had received for services rendered in the war of 1812; and on the same trip he went to see a daughter living in Iowa, but after telling her good-bye and starting on his return journey was never heard of again. It has always been supposed that he was murdered; he was about sixty-five years of age. His wife, whose maiden name was Polly Conner, died in 1827, when David Houk was a child of four years. There were six sons and three daughters in the family, one son and one daughter surviving at the present time. David Houk was born beneath the protecting shelter of the typical pioneer home, and grew to manhood amid the wild surroundings of the western frontier. He attended the subscription schools of the neighborhood, and for three months was a pupil of Judge Hampton, who taught the children of the settlers in this locality. Judge Hampton was a man of rare force of character, and for thirty years presided over the Pike county court.

In 1845 Mr. Houk began farming independently on rented land in the Scioto valley. It was not until 1857 that he purchased a tract on Paint creek, near Chillicothe, where he resided nine years. At the end of this period he removed to the farm he now occupies in South Union township. This tract consists of 700 acres, and, in addition, he owns 147 acres adjoining, and 279 acres in Scioto township. In the beginning of his career he worked for wages five years, at no time receiving more than $11 per month. By industry and good management he has acquired a handsome estate of more than a

thousand acres of Ohio's best farming land. He now has 25,000 bushels of corn, besides the crop of 1893, which amounts to 20,000 bushels. He has been very successful and is regarded as one of the most intelligent agriculturists of the valley.

Mr. Houk was married in 1844 to Miss Sophia Winks, a native of Pike county, Ohio. She died in 1878, having had six children: Jacob, Hamilton, Emma and Matilda, living, and Francis Marion and Hannah, deceased. In early life Mr. Houk supported the issues of the Whig party, but upon the organization of the Republican party he gave to that body his allegiance.

ANDREW ROSS was born in county Donegal, Ireland, July 11, 1819, and is of Scotch-Irish extraction. His ancestors were driven out of Scotland, where they were persecuted for their religious faith, and he has now in his possession the coat of arms of the Ross clan, a treasured heirloom in the family. Andrew and Jane (Crawford) Ross, parents of our subject, emigrated from the Emerald Isle to America in 1834, landing in New York after a voyage of twenty-eight days. They continued their journey to Cleveland, Ohio, and thence down the canal to Chillicothe, Ohio. Mr. Ross purchased a tract of partially improved land in Buckskin township, Ross county, on which he lived until his death, three years later; his wife survived until 1862, aged eighty-three years. They were both devout Presbyterians. Andrew Ross, Jr., is the sixth of a family of seven children. He acquired his education in his native land. After the death of his father the responsibility of maintaining the family fell on him. For several years he was their chief support, performing his duties faithfully and with courage.

He was married, in 1850, to Rebecca Kerr, a native of Ohio, and of this union were born five children: Nancy J., Alice R., Lizzie S., Albert J. and Florence H. They were all pupils in the South Salem Academy, and Nancy J. and Lizzie S. became useful teachers. The mother died in 1886. In early times Mr. Ross was a Whig, casting his first vote for General Harrison; later he gave his allegiance to the Republican party. He has served as Township Trustee, and in this capacity has given excellent satisfaction. He is a Presbyterian in his religious faith, and has been a Deacon since 1855, when the first Presbyterian church in that vicinity was erected on his farm. He was a member of the building committee, and performed the same service to the society when the church was rebuilt in 1880; it is known as Pisgah Church.

Mr. Ross has given the most of his life to agricultural pursuits, and owns 156 acres, which he has placed under cultivation, and residence property in Greenfield, Ohio. (His son Albert J. has a farm of 142 acres.) He has been very successful in all branches of husbandry to which he has given his attention, and his dealings with his fellow-men are characterized by that straight-forwardness which wins and retains trust and confidence.

COL. ISAAC LUTZ, whose family name is inseparably connected with the history of Ross county, Ohio, is a native of this State, born in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, May 10, 1823. The Hon. Samuel Lutz, his father,

emigrated from Pennsylvania, his native State, to Ohio, in October, 1802, and settled on land in Salt Creek township, Pickaway county, where he passed the remainder of his days. He died in 1890, at the advanced age of 101 years. He bore a noble part in promoting civilization, developing a fine tract of land, and filling many positions of trust and honor. During several terms he was a member of the State Legislature, and in Pickaway county served as Surveyor, Land Appraiser and Justice of the Peace. He was one of the most conspicuous figures among the county's leading citizens, and had the entire confidence and esteem of a wide circle of acquaintances. He was a devout member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Nine of his children grew to maturity, and all had children and grandchildren before his death. His wife, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Fetherolf, was a Pennsylvanian by birth, and lived to the age of seventy-six years.

Colonel Lutz, the fourth-born of the family, attended the common schools in his youth, and at the age of twenty years began driving cattle to the Eastern markets, making eight trips to New York and Philadelphia. In the spring of 1845 he was sixty-one days *en route* to New York; his droves numbered from 100 to 200 head, and the journeys were fraught with hardships and dangers. In 1846 he located on his present farm in Union township, Ross county, and here has expended the energies of many years of industry.

He was united in marriage January 25, 1846, to Miss Mary M. Spangler, who died February 9, 1847. September 13, 1855, he was married to Miss Susan J. Barton, of Union township, and they had six children: Ada J., wife of Ira L. May, a farmer residing in Pickaway county; Mary E., the wife of Phillip M. Dunlop, also a resident of Union township, engaged in agricultural pursuits; Freeman B., who died at the age of nineteen years; Fred Lincoln, who married and resides on the old homestead; Elizabeth L., who is the wife of W. K. Orr, a citizen of Green township, Ross county; and Susan Florence, who is at the parental home.

Politically, Colonel Lutz affiliates with the Republican party, though in earlier days he was a Whig; he has served as a delegate to county, district and State conventions, and in many other capacities has furthered the interests of his party. At the age of eighteen years he joined a company of cavalry, of which he was soon afterward elected Second Lieutenant; later he was made Captain, and in 1845 was elected Lieutenant-Colonel; he took a deep interest in military affairs, and trained a company of militia from 1841 to 1846. Was enrolling officer under the conscription act of Congress during the war of the Rebellion. He is one of the largest land-owners in Ross county; has 375 acres in his home farm, 500 acres one and one-half miles west and across the river, 100 acres and 146 acres in different tracts, and 181 acres in Pickaway county, near Circleville; situated in Iowa he has 160 acres, and 720 acres in Kansas. He cultivates 200 acres to wheat, and the same extent of land is devoted to corn, while the remainder is farmed by tenants. He has cut wheat with the old-fashioned scythe, and has worn out two or three of the modern self-binders. By industry and good management Colonel Lutz has possessed himself of a handsome estate. With his wife he has traveled through twenty-eight States between New York city and San Francisco

and Tacoma. He is a man of the strictest integrity, honorable in his methods, and worthy of the confidence everywhere reposed of him.

ADAM GARTNER, a farmer of Springfield township, Ross county, was born on a farm in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 10, 1824. In the fall of 1844 he came with his parents to the United States, locating in Chillicothe, Ohio. Three months afterward they came to Springfield township, where the father, Phillip Gartner, died in September, 1870, at the age of seventy-three years. The mother, Elizabeth Gartner, departed this life about twenty years prior to her husband's death. They were the parents of four children, one son and three daughters.

Adam Gartner, our subject, received a good commons-chool education in his native country, and was reared to farm life. After his marriage he worked for his father five years, receiving $100 per year. He afterward rented a farm for a time, and since purchased until he now owns about 400 acres of fine agricultural land. In July, 1845, Mr. Gartner was joined in marriage with Eliza C. Schmidt, who was born and reared in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany. Our subject and wife have eleven children, as follows: Katherine, Marguerite, Phillip, Anna E., Adam, Eliza C., Michael, Mary, Rosa, Bena and William. Mr. Gartner is an active, worker in the Democratic party, has served in many of the important township offices, and has been a member of the school board for many years. Both he and his wife are members of the German Presbyterian Church.

HENRY K. STRAWSER, a prominent and influential farmer of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, is a native of this place, born March 13, 1830. His father and grandfather, both named Henry Strawser, and both natives of Pennsylvania, were among the pioneers of Ross county.

The senior Henry Strawser emigrated with all his family to Ohio in 1805, and located in Colerain township, this county, on what is called the Waters of Brimstone, one mile south of Adelphi. The county was at that time almost an unbroken wilderness, the forest abounding in wolves, deer, bears and wild turkeys. Here he bought the tract of land on which he settled, and also purchased considerable other land. He built a log cabin and made other improvements, and devoted the rest of his life to the clearing and cultivation of his farm, dying here at a ripe old age. In his family were five sons and five daughters, his son Henry at the time of their emigration to this State being twenty-two years old. Their journey to Ohio was made in the primitive way, with wagons and horse teams, and some time after they had located here young Henry was sent back to Pennsylvania, on horseback, to settle up some business affairs, among which was to secure payment for land his father had sold. On his return to Ohio he brought in his vest pocket two pear seeds, which he planted and which grew to large trees. One of these trees is still standing, having borne fruit for seventy-five years. He was fond of hunting, and spent much of his time in this sport, keeping the family well provided with meat. He killed many a bear, and on one occasion had a tussle with a bear, an occurrence that he did not soon forget. His broad shoulders,

his fine physique and his rugged constitution well fitted him for the life of a pioneer. In all the country around he was noted as a great wood-chopper. He built a log house on the farm now owned and occupied by the subject of our sketch, and on it he spent the rest of his life and died, his death occurring in 1865, at the age of eighty-two years. During the war of 1812 he went to the front and rendered efficient service until the Indians in this part of the country were subdued. Of the mother of our subject, we record that her maiden name was Druzilla Hinton, and that she lived to be seventy-four years of age. Her grandfather, Thomas Hinton, entered a tract of land in this part of Ohio during the latter part of the last century, and his family were among the very earliest settlers here. Mr. and Mrs. Strawser became the parents of ten children, eight daughters and two sons, all of whom reached adult years, and six are still living. This worthy pioneer couple were noted for their piety as well as their thrift and industry, being prominently identified with the Reformed Church. Mr. Strawser helped to build one of the first churches in this section of the country, and for many years he was an Elder in the church.

Henry K. Strawser is the older of the two sons above mentioned. Being reared on his father's farm in a pioneer settlement, many of his advantages were, of course, limited; but he made the best of his opportunities, and in the log schoolhouse near his home he secured sufficient education to enable him to teach, in which occupation he was engaged four years. With this exception, his whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits, and in the township in which he now lives. He has 380 acres of fine farming land, most of it on Bull creek, it being well stocked with sheep, hogs, cattle and horses. In addition to his farming and stock-raising, and the successful management of his own affairs, the duty of settling numerous estates has devolved upon him. On two occasions he has given bond for $40,000. He has also written a great many wills, all of which have stood the test.

Mr. Strawser's political views have always been in harmony with the principles of the Democratic party, and in local politics he has for a number of years taken an active part. Indeed, for more than twenty years he has served in some official capacity, having filled the offices of Trustee, Assessor, Treasurer and Justice of the Peace. He is an active supporter of the Reformed Church, of which his wife is a member, and for many years he has been identified with the Masonic fraternity.

Mr. Strawser was married May 11, 1856, to Miss Caroline Bets, a native of Ross county, and they have had six children, viz.: Daniel, Cyrus, Clement L., Rebecca, Lottie and Maude. Three of this number—Daniel, Cyrus and Clement L.—are deceased. All received excellent educational advantages, and each of the sons died about the time he started out on a promising business career. Rebecca has been a teacher. Daniel and Cyrus also taught school; Daniel commenced teaching before he was sixteen years old.

WILLIAM MARTIN, one of the representative farmers of Buckskin township, was born in Fayette county, Ohio, October 17, 1841, and is a son of Mathew B. Martin. The father was born in Juniata county,

Pennsylvania, and in early life was left an orphan. His opportunities for securing an education were meagre, but he mastered the wheelwright's trade. Improved machinery in time deprived him of employment in his vocation, so he turned his attention to chainmaking. When a young man he emigrated to Ohio and located in Fairfield county, afterward removing to Fayette county. In October, 1847, he came with his family to Ross county and settled in Buckskin township, where he purchased 146⅓ acres of land. Nearly twenty years later, January 3, 1867, he passed from this life to the unknown country, aged sixty years. Although crippled in body from early manhood he became a successful farmer, and accumulated a competency. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Beatty, was born in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, and was brought by her parents to Ohio in an early day. The Beattys were an old Pennsylvania family, but Mrs. Martin's mother was a native of Ireland, of Scotch extraction. Mrs. Martin still survives, in her eighty-eighth year.

William Martin, the youngest son of a family of seven children, passed his youth without especial incident until the great civil war shook this country from center to circumference. He was not slow to respond to the call for men to go out in defense of the nation, and August 15, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He joined his regiment at Corinth, just after the terrible battle was fought at that point; he was in the thick of the fight in the Atlanta campaign, and at Kenesaw mountain he was taken ill, and was confined in the hospital at Rome, Georgia, until the first of the following September. Rejoining his regiment at Atlanta, he marched to the sea with Sherman, and afterward took an active part in the battle at Bentonville. He participated in the grand review at Washington, and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, after nearly three years of hard service. During all this period he never missed a roll-call, and was not punished for a single misdemeanor. He was discharged with the title of Corporal.

After the death of his father in 1867 Mr. Martin bought the interest of the other heirs to the estate, and has since owned the old homestead. He has added another hundred acres to the originial tract, all of which is well improved and under excellent cultivation. In connection with his agricultural enterprises Mr. Martin has given particular attention to the breeding of draft horses of the Clydesdale stock, and has done much to elevate the standard of live-stock throughout the county. He has been more than usually prosperous and is highly esteemed by the entire community of which he has so long been a useful member.

He was married May 28, 1874, to Martha Collier, a native of Ross county and a daughter of William Collier, one of the pioneer settlers of Buckskin township. Mr. Collier emigrated to Ohio from the Keystone State, and died in March, 1890; his wife died September 1, 1893, in her eighty-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Martin are the parents of four children: Nellie, Willia, Mitchell and Mary.

Mr. Martin is a loyal Republican and has wielded a considerable influence in the management of local affairs; he is now serving his second term as Trustee of the township. He is a member of the G. A. R., and both he and wife belong to the First Presbyterian Church at Greenfield.

THOMAS WALTER WALSH, attorney at law, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, August 25, 1852, son of Walter and Ellen (Boulger) Walsh. The father was a native of Ireland and came to America when a young man, locating in Cincinnati, where he engaged in the grocery business. Subsequently, in 1852, he removed to Chillicothe and here resumed the grocery business, which he continued until his death in the succeeding year. His wife was born in the town of Thurles, Tipperary, county, Ireland, and she was about twelve years of age when she came with her mother and three brothers and three sisters to America The family located in New York city, but after a short residence in the national metropolis they removed to Cincinnati. The mother had financial resources which enabled her to carefully educate her children, whose names were as follows: Margaret, Ellen, Joanna, Mary, Rev. Thomas J., James and John.

Walter Walsh and wife had one child, Thomas W., subject of this review. He attended the public schools and then entered Mount St. Mary's College in Cincinnati, at which institution he graduated in 1874. He then returned to Chillicothe and entered the law office of Vanmeter & Neal, being admitted to practice at the bar by the Supreme Court, at Columbus, in October, 1875, and within the same year located at Chillicothe, where he at once entered upon the active practice of his profession, and where he has ever since maintained his residence.

He was united in marriage to Miss Eleanor Watts Piatt, in June, 1889; she was born in Macacheek, Logan county, Ohio, the daughter of Major Kentuck B. Piatt, who was born in Boone county, Kentucky, and was a Major of cavalry in the late war. He is a son of General A. Sanders Piatt, who was born at Cincinnati, Ohio, and who was a General in the infantry service during the Rebellion, being a brother of Don Piatt, whose name is familiar in the history of the nation. The latter, Don, was an eminent lawyer and judge, and, under President Pierce's administration, he, Don, was secretary of the Paris Legation and for several months was acting *Charge d' Affaires*. He entered as a private in the late war and rose to the rank of Colonel of volunteers, having served for the greater portion of the time as Adjutant-General on the staff of General Schenck. He was the founder of the Washington Capital, a well known newspaper published at the national capital. General A. Sanders Piatt and Don Piatt were brothers of the wife of General Worthington, of Chillicothe. She was the widow of Judge Nathaniel Reed, of the supreme bench of Ohio, at the time of her marriage to General James T. Worthington, the latter being the son of Thomas Worthington, one of the early Governors of Ohio. Mrs. Worthington is still living at her mansion, "Adena," overlooking the city of Chillicothe. Her father was Judge Piatt, of Logan county, Ohio, and his father was the son of a Revolutionary officer.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Walsh have two children: Walter and Martha Ileen. In their religious affiliations our subject and his wife are devoted members of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. Walsh was educated at the Ursuline convent, in Brown county, Ohio.

Mr. Walsh has held various local offices of trust, having held preferment as secretary of the School Board and as a member of the

City Council. He is a lecturer of much ability and has won distinctive honors in the journalistic line. He is a fine linguist, being thoroughly conversant with the classical languages, as well as with the French and German.

Occupying a representative position in a professional way, a man of marked capability and honor, Mr. Walsh enjoys the highest measure of esteem and retains a *clientele* which stands as voucher for his ability and popularity.

WILLIAM CYRUS BARRY, deceased, was for many years one of the prominent farmers and stock-dealers of Highland county, Ohio.

He was born near Stanton, Augusta county, Virginia, June 17, 1819, son of Andrew Barry, who came from the north of Ireland, near Londonderry, to America shortly after the Revolutionary war. He was born in 1780, and it was in 1795 that he came to this country. Thomas McK. Barry, an older brother, had preceded him to America, and for a number of years was a merchant in Baltimore. After working for his uncle, McKim, in Baltimore, for some time, Andrew Barry went to Stanton, Virginia, where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. From there he came to Adams county, Ohio, in 1825, and located on land owned by his first wife. His second wife was Mary McCue, of Augusta county, Virginia. The following year he came to Highland county, and here he secured a tract of land from ex-Governor Trimble, which is now a part of the old Pope place. Temporarily he lived in a cabin, but the same spring built the brick house now standing on the Pope farm. In politics he was a Whig; in religion, a Presbyterian, and an Elder in the church. He was a man of general information and broad views, and wielded a wide influence in the community in which he lived. The name Barry, it should here by stated, was formerly spelt Barri, it being of French Huguenot origin. Andrew Barry had four children, namely: Thomas, Elizabeth, John and William Cyrus.

William C. Barry was married September 26, 18—, to Sarah Wilson, daughter of Charles Wilson, of Brownsville, Pennsylvania, her parents dying when she was young. They had two children, viz.: Charles Andrew and George Wilson, born September 2, 1859, and died October 12, 1883. Mr. Barry owned farming land on Clear creek. In addition to his farming operations, he also dealt largely in cattle. From 1859 to 1878 he lived in Hillsborough, then moved to his farm, and five years later returned to the city where he spent the closing years of his life. He was for some time in poor health, and his death occurred January 30, 1889. His estate has been settled up and all the land sold except a small portion.

In politics, Mr. Barry was first a Whig and later a Republican. He was ever active in advancing the interests of his party and in promoting the general welfare of the community where he lived. During the war he enlisted a number of times, and served as First Lieutenant in the militia. His church relation was with the Presbyterians, of which church his widow also is a consistent member.

Charles A. Barry, the son above referred to, made a visit to the old country in 1875, spending some time with his relatives there and tracing up the family history.

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DR. WILLIAM M. JOHNSON, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Chillicothe, was born on his father's farm in Ames township, Athens county, Ohio, May 23, 1847, eldest son of John and Rebecca (McElree) Johnson.

Caleb Johnson, the doctor's grandfather, was a native of the north of Ireland, and removed with his parents from the Emerald Isle to America when he was six years old, settling at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he grew to manhood and married Rosanna Trapp. About 1810 he emigrated to Ohio and located on a tract of land nine miles north of Athens, where he spent the residue of his life and died, the date of his death being 1847. Here John Johnson, his son and the father of our subject, was born May 7, 1818, and was reared amid the wild scenes of a western home. At that early date the highways were limited to an occasional main or State road leading to some important point, and bridle paths cut through the dense forest, and over these primitive roads the pioneer took his grain to mill in sacks on horseback. With such surroundings the lad grew up, early developing an ambitious nature and working hard to pay his own tuition at school. His whole life was devoted to agricultural pursuits, and although he began his career without means, he was the owner of 600 acres of land at the time of his death. He was widely known and was greatly respected by his fellowmen. In 1841 he married Rebecca McElree, who was born in Zanesville, Ohio, December 13, 1823, daughter of William McElree, one of the early educators of his county, born in 1793, and his wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Wooley, and who was born in 1790. Both were of Scotch-Irish descent. She lived, as did Dr. Johnson's grandmother (Trapp) Johnson, to pass the ninetieth milestone, both living with and being cared for a number of years before they died by his father and mother.

Dr. Johnson has five brothers and two sisters, a record of whom is as follows: Susan, born July 18, 1843, is the wife of David O. Neal, and resides on a farm in Athens county, Ohio; Fanny F., born October 16, 1849, married Wallace Millard, and lives in Ventura county, California; John P., born November 13, 1852, married Anna Gresvener, and lives on a farm near Athens, Ohio; George, born May 11, 1854, married Evangeline Linscott, and is engaged in farming in Muskingum county, Ohio; Caleb, born May 10, 1857, married Mariah Finch, and is farming in Athens county; and Benjamin B., born December 29, 1869, married Libbie Howard, and lives in Athens.

The subject of our sketch grew up on the farm where he was born and attended the district school, situated two miles and a quarter from his home, often suffering from frost-bites during the severe winters while going to and coming from school. At an early age he developed a love for the study of medicine and surgery, and eagerly read all books on these subjects that he could procure, unknown to his father, who was opposed to the son following any vocation other than that of a farmer. Such was his knowledge gained, however, by private reading that he took up the practice of medicine in Illinois in 1875, meeting with success and remaining there five years. In 1882 and 1883 he received private instructions from Dr. Hoyt Stimson, and in September of the latter year entered the Physio-Medical Institute of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he graduated in March, 1885. After this he took

a private course of lectures at the Cincinnati Hospital, under Professor W. H. Taylor. He then settled down to regular practice in Jerseyville, Athens county, Ohio, and remained at that place until May, 1887, when,—on account of the hardships occasioned by his patients being scattered over a rough and hilly country where the roads were so bad that for six months of the year he was compelled to travel on horseback,—he decided to locate in more congenial quarters, and removed to Chillicothe, May 10 of that year. He is now established in a good practice. He is surgeon for the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Chillicothe, surgery being his specialty, and he being very successful in this branch of his profession.

Politically, Dr. Johnson adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of Chillicothe Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F.; Valley Encampment, No. 21, I. O. O. F.; Martha Rebecca Lodge, No. 22; Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52, B. P. O. E.; and Chillicothe Lodge, No. 48, P. H. C.

Dr. Johnson was first married, in 1866, to Rebecca Martin, of Athens, Ohio, and they became the parents of five children, namely: John W., born March 29, 1868; George W., August 21, 1870; Nelson V., July 27, 1872; Charles, August 31, 1876; and Cora I., November 14, 1880. All are living except Nelson V., who died May 13, 1890. The mother of these children is deceased. November 23, 1887, the Doctor married Myrtle L. Ruth, who died January 1, 1894, leaving two children,—Orland, born February 12, 1890; and Myrtle W., December 20, 1893. Myrtle W. died August 27, 1894. The Doctor married his present companion August 13, 1894. She was Miss Cora B. Walnu, of Highland Station, Highland county, Ohio.

WILLIAM BOECHER is one of the prominent and wealthy German farmers of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, and as one of the representative citizens of his county some personal mention of him is appropriate in this work.

William Boecher was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, June 17, 1834, son of Jasper and Elizabeth Boecher, natives of that place. Jasper Boecher was a farmer and blacksmith, and was a man of some prominence in the locality in which he lived. He was a Justice of the Peace for many years, held various other municipal offices, and was in well-to-do circumstances. He learned the trade of blacksmith when quite young, and when he was only thirteen years old he shod horses for Napoleon's army. He died at the age of fifty-eight years, and his wife at sixty-two. Of their family of seven children, only two, William and Jacob, came to America. The latter has since died.

The subject of our sketch attended school in his native land until he was fourteen, applying himself closely to his studies and making rapid progress. When not in school he was at work on his father's farm until he was sixteen, and at that age he began learning the blacksmith trade in his brother John's shop. In 1852 he sailed from Liverpool to America, landing in New York city after a voyage of forty-six days, during which time he passed through three heavy storms, each time making a narrow escape. After four days spent in New York, and a visit to the spot where his brother, who had come to this country three years before, was buried, he took steamboat for Albany, from there went to Buffalo, and thence to Sandusky, Ohio. From Sandusky he directed

his course to Cincinnati, then to Portsmouth, from there to Chillicothe, and finally to Hallsville, in Colerain township, in which township he has since continued to reside. Upon his arrival here he had only about $8 in money left. At Adelphi, a little town in Ross county, he entered upon a three-years' contract to work at the blacksmith trade, but after working seven months, and not receiving any compensation for his labor, he returned to Hallsville and began working at his trade there for $5 a month. As he grew older and became more proficient in his work his wages were increased. He worked seven months for $5 a month and nine months at $7, and during the sixteen months he laid up $73, after providing his own clothes. For some time after that he got $12 a month, and still later earned seventy-five cents a day. Then, in partnership with another man, he opened a shop, which together they conducted for five years, at the end of which time their shop was completely demolished by a storm. During this storm Mr. Boecher was struck on the head by a brick and was knocked down, and three sets of wagon wheels fell on top of him. After this he purchased the old shop of his former employer and continued business alone.

In November, 1859, on account of declining health, Mr. Boecher went to Texas, returning in June of the following year. During his absence he traveled about 800 miles on horseback through the State, going from the Rio Grande to the northern boundary. Then he traveled from there to the eastern portion of the State on foot, and from there went down the Red river to New Orleans, where he had a siege of the yellow fever. After his recovery he took steamer at New Orleans for Cincinnati, and in September, 1860, we again find him at work at the blacksmith trade in Hallsville.

During the few years following his return to Ohio there was plenty of work to do, both for those who entered the ranks and for those who remained at home. In 1862 and 1863 there were 4,300 head of mules shod in his shop, and at times he employed as many as thirteen hands, paying them $2 per day, and on one occasion, for six weeks, he worked from eighteen to twenty-two hours per day.

In 1865 Mr. Boecher sold his shop and rented a farm, and the following year he purchased a farm in Colerain township, being in partnership with Michael Metzler in the purchase of this property. Subsequently he bought out Mr. Metzler's interest and also purchased other land until he is now the owner of 480 acres. He devotes his attention exclusively to the raising of hogs and wheat. Although he has in the main been successful he has met with misfortunes. One year he lost 104 hogs with the cholera, after having bought and fed to them $300 worth of corn. The next year he lost sixty more. He annually raises and sells from 100 to 120 hogs.

Mr. Boecher was married in 1865 to Elizabeth Metzler, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Michael Metzler above mentioned. The names of their eight children are Minnie, Ella, Lewis, Nora, William, Erma, Annie and Jasper. All are living except Erma.

Mr. Boecher and his wife are members of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Politically, he affiliates with the Democratic party and takes an interest in public affairs, although he has never been an office-seeker and has never held office. During the war he was a member of the home guard, and

was in the Morgan raid. Mr. Boecher is a self-made man, the success he has attained being due to his own hard work and good management. He is generous to a fault, his generosity having led him to indorse too freely for his friends. In a single year he had over $500 security money to pay.

JOHN C. HINTON is one of the substantial farmers of Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, and is a descendant of one of the prominent early settlers of this part of the State. Of his life we present the following brief sketch:

John C. Hinton was born in the township in which he now lives, June 10, 1824. He is a son of Elias Hinton and a grandson of Thomas Hinton. The former was born in Maryland, and the latter is supposed to have been born in that State also. Thomas Hinton emigrated from Maryland to Kentucky, and from there came up into Ohio and settled in Colerain township, Ross county. The first year he raised a crop of corn on the prairie. Then he entered a half section of land and built a cabin in the wilderness, being surrounded on all sides by wild animals and Indians. He cleared and improved his farm, and on it spent the residue of his life, dying here at a ripe old age. Elias Hinton was only two years old when his parents came to Ohio. He was the youngest of the family. Amid pioneer scenes he was reared, and in this county he remained until his death, which occurred when he was eighty-three years old. Much of his youth was spent in hunting, in which he took great delight, and during the war of 1812, although still a mere lad, he volunteered his services, and was employed as a teamster. In later years he served as Township Trustee, Justice of the Peace, and in various other local offices. For many years he was a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. During his life of useful activity he acquired considerable property, and at the time of his death was in well-to-do circumstances. His wife, whose maiden name was Susanna Cox, was also a member of one of the prominent pioneer families of this vicinity. Her death preceded his. She, too, was a consistent member of the United Brethren Church. They had a family of eight children, of whom John C. was the fourth born, and is now the oldest living.

The subject of our sketch was born and reared in the log cabin built by his grandfather, and his education was received in one of the log school-houses of the period. He remained at home until he reached his majority, when he located on his present farm. Here he has lived since 1846. His home farm comprises 160 acres, and he also owns two other tracts of land, one comprising ninety-seven acres and a half and the other forty acres. He has given his attention to general farming and has been uniformly successful in his farming operations.

Mr. Hinton has been twice married. In 1845 he wedded Miss Hannah Leeosure, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of early pioneers. She died in 1879. The names of her twelve children are Lucretia, Andrew, Mary, Susan, Elias, Jesse, Lewis, Mergeline, Cyrus, Edward, Willard and George. Three of this number,—Lucretia, Mary and Susan—are deceased. In 1881 Mr. Hinton married Mahala Wilson, also a native of Ohio, and by her he has four children, Mazie, Carrie, Ira and Myrtie.

Politically, Mr. Hinton affiliates with

the Democratic party, and for several years he has served the public as Township Trustee. Both he and his wife are members of the United Brethern Church, in which he is Class Leader, Steward and Trustee.

THOMAS W. BROWN, one of the rising young farmers of Ross county, is a native of this county, born in North Union township, December 30, 1869. As early as 1802 Capt. Clement Brown emigrated from Delaware to Ohio and located in Ross county, where he was one of the most prominent pioneers and one of the largest land owners. From him descended Thomas W. Brown, the grandfather of him whose name heads this article. He became identified with the agricultural interests of the county, and was one of the wealthiest farmers on Deer creek. He died in 1882, aged sixty-nine years; his wife died in 1872. They reared five sons, all of whom are now deceased. The father of our subject passed his early life on the farm where he was born, which is now occupied by his son. He recieved his first instruction in the district schools and later enjoyed the advantage of attending Ohio Wesleyan University. He followed agricultural pursuits and succeeded well in this vocation. He was married to Flora Cunningham in 1867, and to them were born four children, all of whom are living; the father died in 1877, but the mother survives. Thomas W. is the eldest of the family. After attending the common schools of the district he entered the public schools of Chillicothe, and in 1887 became a student in the University of Wooster; he pursued the course of this institution until the junior year, when he turned his attention to farming. He owns 208 acres of the old Brown homestead, 100 acres of which was included in the tract cleared by his grandfather; his father at the time of his death had accumulated an estate of 1,400 acres of valuable land. Mr Brown is a young man of excellent business qualifications and has espoused the cause of husbandry with his interests undivided. In politics he supports the issues of the Democratic party.

CAPTAIN PHILLIP A. RODES was born in Virginia, April 15, 1830, and when he was about four years old came with his parents to Highland county, Ohio, where he grew to manhood. While in Highland county he was married, January 17, 1854, to Miss Eliza Moore, their marriage occurring in Ross county, where she was born October 17, 1833. Her parents, George J. and Rachel (Umstead) Moore, were married in Green township, Ross county, and resided on a farm there for several years. Subsequently they removed to Fremont, Ohio, where Mr. Moore engaged in milling for a number of years. Later in life they returned to Ross county and settled in Twin township, where they spent the rest of their lives and died, his death occurring in 1850, hers in June, 1885. He was probably a native of Pennsylvania, while she was born in Maryland.

Phillip A. Rodes was in early life engaged in mercantile pursuits in Highland county, where he also served as assistant County Treasurer. After his marriage he settled in Hillsborough, Ohio, where he continued to reside two years. At the end of

that time, on account of ill health, he relinquished his business, removed to Twin township, and turned his attention to farming, in which he was engaged until the time of his death, June 20, 1876. He and his wife had three children: Norris F., Will A. and Mary C., the last named being the wife of Louis Anderson.

Mr. Rodes took an active part in church work and was also a great Sunday-school worker.

T. W. ELLISON, Superintendent of the Wilson Children's Home, was born at West Union, Adams county, Ohio, August 11, 1859, a son of Thomas and Mary (McNeilan) Ellison. His grandfather, James Ellison, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland. During the journey to this country he was shipwrecked, he and a sailor being the only ones who lived through the terrible ordeal to which they were subjected. All his earthly possessions were lost by this unfortunate circumstance. After arriving in this country, Mr. Ellison located in Adams county, Ohio, where he was among the early pioneers, his place of settlement having been in the neighborhood of the present village of Dunkinsville, where he lived until his death.

Thomas Ellison, father of our subject, was born in Adams county. He followed farming in early life, but eventually engaged in merchandising at Jacksonville. Just previous to the opening of the Civil war he served as County Treasurer. During that struggle Mr. Ellison went South with the Seventieth Ohio Regiment, and later located in Tunica county, Mississippi, where he engaged in cotton-raising. He was also interested in the steamer Natoma, which plied the Mississippi river. On one occasion, having brought cattle from Texas to the North, he was transferring the stock at Cincinnati, when he received a sunstroke, and died July 16, 1868. His widow still survives. They had five children, as follows: Arthur Stewart, who died August 22, 1867, at the age of twenty-four years; Jennie, deceased, was the wife of Isaac Boatman, of Gallia county, Ohio; Annie, wife of H. R. Bradbury, President of the First National Bank of Gallipolis; T. W., the subject of this sketch; and Tillie, who died September 24, 1882, aged twenty years.

T. W. Ellision was reared in West Union, and received his education in that city and Gallia county. He began life for himself as a clerk, and had charge of the dry-goods store of Mauck & Bradbury, at Cheshire, for two years. After the financial failure of that firm, he returned to West Union, and clerked for R. W. Treber three years. In company with J. W. Hook, Mr. Ellison next embarked in the real-estate and insurance business, under the firm name of Ellison & Hook. He retired from that occupation when chosen Superintendent of the Wilson Children's Home, March 8, 1889. In this capacity he has given eminent satisfaction to the Board of Trustees, as well as to the citizens of the entire community, who take such a deep interest in the welfare of the splendid institution. His wife is Matron of the Home.

Mr. Ellison was married August 30, 1882, to Elizabeth Kirker, a native of Hamilton, Hancock county, Illinois, and a member of one of the oldest and most highly respected families of Adams county. She is a daughter of George and Mary Elizabeth (Baird) Kirker, and a granddaughter of

Hon. Thomas Kirker, who served in many high official positions, including the Governorship of Ohio. Mrs. Ellison's parents were born, reared and married in Adams county, but afterward moved to Hamilton, Illinois, and thence to Kendall county, where the mother died October 10, 1868, at the age of thirty-five years. The father moved to McLean county, Illinois, and later to Selma, Fresno county, California, where he now resides. Mr. Ellison is a member of West Union Lodge, No. 43, F. & A. M.; of Manchester Chapter, No. 129, R. A. M., and is Past Chancellor of Crystal Lodge, No. 114, K. of P. In political matters he is a stanch Democrat, and has held many local offices.

WILLIAM HENRY DOUGLASS, who owns and occupies one of the finest stock-farms in Highland county, Ohio, was born at the old Douglass homestead, now occupied by his brother James, the date of his birth being June 2, 1845.

He remained at home and attended the district and public schools until he was seventeen. At the time the civil war burst upon the country he was a mere lad, but as he merged into manhood and as the war still continued he felt it his duty to enter the service of his country. Accordingly in April, 1864, he enlisted in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the army until the following October, when he was mustered out at Camp Dennison. Desiring an education, the following year he attended the South Salem Academy, where he remained two years. He then entered the freshman class at Miami University and continued in that institution until the senior year had been reached, but instead of completing his course there and graduating, he began teaching school, and continued that occupation until 1876. In the meantime he read law under the instructions of R. S. Leake, of Greenfield, and Mills Gardener, of Washington Court House, and was admitted to practice before the courts at Chillicothe, Ohio. He opened an office in Greenfield, but continued the practice only a few months. Then he went to St. Louis, and shortly after accepted a school at East Carondelet, Illinois, where he taught for two years. His health failing at this time, he sought a change of occupation and returned home to engage in farming. He owns 275 acres of land, all of which can be cultivated.

Mr. Douglass was married June 19, 1884, to Miss Susan Wyant, the fifth child of Samuel and Elizabeth Wyant, of Jackson county, Ohio. Their children are: Bertha May, born November 17, 1876; and Lizzie Mackerley, February 10, 1891. In September, 1891, Mr. and Mrs. Douglass met with a very great bereavement. Mrs. Douglass had taken the two children with her in a buggy and driven to town, and on their return home the horse became frightened and ran away, resulting in instant death to Bertha May.

Mr. Douglass is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

WILLIAM VINCENT, who has been identified with the commercial interests of Chillicothe since 1854, is one of the most prosperous business men of Ross county, and is well worthy of the space that has been allotted him in this volume. He is a native

of Ohio, born in Liberty township, Ross county, in 1823, a son of Isaac and Mary (Doty) Vincent; his father was a native of Maryland, and came to Ohio in the early part of the present century; he first located at Frankfort, removing afterward to Liberty township. William Vincent is the second of a family of seven children; his opportunities for acquiring an education were very limited, as the schools were taught upon the subscription plan and his father was not in easy circumstances. In early youth he became accustomed to the hard labor of the frontier farms, and after the death of his father assisted in the support of the family with his meagre earnings; as a boy he received only a shilling a day, and even after he had attained maturity his wages were only thirty-seven and a half cents per day. Although his life had been one of industry and economy, he had only $20 with which to begin housekeeping; after his marriage he rented land, but finally removed to Indiana, thinking fairer fortune awaited him in the Hoosier State.

At the end of the first winter he returned to Ohio, and came to Chillicothe, and in 1854 embarked in the grocery trade in partnership with Hughey Rogers; three years later he sold out to Mr. Rogers, but ten days after this transaction the latter died, and Mr. Vincent took back the store. William Conner, his clerk and son-in-law, was admitted to partnership in the business, and this relationship existed three years. Mr. Vincent then sold out to Mr. Conner and removed to his farm, which he had purchased some time previously. At the end of a year, in 1861, he purchased a lot on the corner of Main and Mulberry streets, and erected the business house which he has since occupied with the exception of one year. He has been exceptionally successful in his commercial enterprises, and as his means have permitted has invested in farming land; he now owns 358 acres in one body in Springfield township, all of which is in an advanced state of cultivation. His sons have acquired 144 acres in Liberty township.

Mr. Vincent was married in 1842 to Miss Mary Dawson, and they have had born to them a family of seven children: Margaret, Sarah, George, deceased; Joseph, Mary, Wesley, and William, deceased. In politics our worthy subject supports the issues of the Democratic party. He is a man of good executive ability, and, employing the most correct and honorable methods in business, has gained the confidence of the entire community.

GEORGE M. RUSH, a successful farmer and stock-raiser of Ross county, was born in Green township, this county, August 18, 1855, a son of John Rush, a native of Pickaway county, Ohio. The latter's father, Wesley Rush, came to this State in a very early day, and became one of the pioneers of Pickaway county. He cleared a farm and remained there until his death which occurred at the age of eighty-one years. John Rush, one of seven children, two now living, came to Green township, Ross county, early in life, and remained here until his death. In addition to his extensive farming operations, he was also engaged in the raising of fine draft horses. His death occurred at the age of fifty-eight years. The mother of our subject, *nee* Malinda Marsh, was born near Circleville, on the Pickaway plains, Ohio, and is still living.

Her parents were among the early pioneers of this State.

George M. Rush, the third child of four children, two now living, attended the district schools, was also a pupil at the Kingston schools, and spent a short time at the Granville College. At the age of twenty-two years he took charge of the old homestead, which consists of 100 acres of fine farming land, and is known as the Black Water farm. Mr. Rush also conducts another farm, and is extensively engaged in the breeding of fine draft horses. In political matters he votes with the Republican party.

REUBEN DRESBACH is ranked with the solid financial men of Hallsville, Ohio. Of his life and ancestry, the following sketch is appropriate in this work.

Reuben Dresbach was born in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, December 5, 1818, son of Martin Dresbach. The latter was a farmer by occupation, was a native of Buffalo valley, Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio at an early day, and was one of the first settlers in Colerain township, Ross county. His parents had died in Pennsylvania previous to his coming west. He was the oldest in the family, and brought his brothers and sisters with him to Ohio. He bought land in this township, and after he had established a home here he returned to Pennsylvania and married Miss Annie Ire, a native of that State, whom he brought back with him. This township was then in its wild state, and game of all kinds was plenty within a short distance of his cabin home. To the clearing and cultivation of his farm he devoted his untiring energies, and as the years rolled by he was rewarded with prosperity. He had, however, many hardships and difficulties to overcome, but he was always equal to the occasion. As an incident of his pioneer life, we state that he hauled his wheat to Chillicothe, where he received only twenty-five cents a bushel for it, and received as low as ten cents a bushel for corn. He died at about the age of seventy-two years. He was a man of sterling integrity, and was well known far and near in the pioneer community. For a number of years he served as County Commissioner, during which time he was instrumental in securing many public improvements. It was, however, in a religious way that he exerted the greatest influence. He was a member of the United Brethren Church, but was broad and liberal in his religious views, and his home was used for holding meetings by not only the United Brethren, but also by the Methodists and other denominations. He built a large frame barn, in which these religious meetings were held, and where many a fervent prayer was offered by the pioneer fathers and mothers. Indeed, he built three barns, two having been destroyed by fire. The third is still standing. At the time of his death he was the owner of about 800 acres of land. His wife died at the age of sixty-two years. They had eleven children, three of whom are still living,—the subject of our sketch, and two sisters.

Reuben Dresbach was born in the cabin his father built, was reared at the old homestead, and his education was limited to that received in the log school-house near by. March 15, 1846, he married Miss Susanna Pontious, a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Frederick Pontious. Her father was born in Pennsylvania and was one of the

earliest settlers of this part of Ohio. Both her parents lived to a ripe old age. She is the only daughter in a family of four children, two of whom are living. Mr. and Mrs. Dresbach have no children of their own, but have reared a nephew, Dennis Pontious.

After his marriage Mr. Dresbach located on a farm one mile south of where Hallsville is now situated. Ten years later he sold this property and purchased his present place in Hallsville. From his boyhood up he has been engaged in general farming. He still owns several farms, altogether having 500 acres, and has a comfortable home in Hallsville.

Mr. Dresbach cast his first vote for General William H. Harrison. Since the organization of the Republican party he has given it his support. He has always taken an active interest in public affairs, but has never cared for official position, preferring rather to give his attention to his own private matters. For more than forty years he has been identified with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which for many years he has served as Deacon and Elder. Liberal and generous in the support of all benevolent causes, prompt and efficient in the performance of every duty, he has long been regarded as one of the pillars in his church.

AUSTIN H. BROWN is a worthy representative of one of the oldest families of Ross county, Ohio. William White Brown, his father, was born in the State of Delaware, March 22, 1799, a son of White Brown, a native of the same State, born March 22, 1749. The great-grandfather was James Brown, and his father emigrated from England to America in 1646, settling in Delaware. White Brown was a farmer and surveyor, and made the first plat of Sussex county, Delaware. He was a soldier in the Revolutionary war, and was a conspicuous worker in the early history of the Methodist Episcopal Church in America. He emigrated to Ohio with his family in 1802, accompanied by sixty slaves, and settled in Deerfield township, Ross county, where he purchased 500 acres of land from Gen. Nathaniel Massie. Soon after coming to this county he erected a large log barn, which was used for church purposes fifteen years, its pulpit being graced by many of the most noted divines of that day. The services held in this rude structure mark the founding of Methodism in the Scioto valley. In 1805 Mr. White Brown built a sawmill, which became the center of a wide territory. He kept the first silver dollar earned in the mill, and it is now in the possession of Mr. Austin H. Brown. It is a Spanish coin, and bears the date of 1781. The initials "W. B." and the date 1805 are also marked on the face.

In addition to his other interests, Mr. White Brown engaged in shipping supplies to New Orleans in partnership with his son, but this was never a profitable venture. He was the first Trustee of Deerfield township, which then embraced a large territory. He was a man of great force of character, and was well known in his native State, as also in the State of his adoption. He died at the age of ninety-three years, March 23, 1842. He was thrice married. There were five daughters by the first union, a son and daughter by the second, and two sons and three daughters by the third. Prior to his final removal to Ohio, Mr. White

Brown made a trip to the frontier on horseback, in 1799, and selected a tract of land which is now owned by Miss Helena W. Brown. His son Nelson came to Ohio in 1801, and one year later he made the journey with his family.

William White Brown, the eldest son born of the third family of children, was reared in Deerfield township and died at Chillicothe, Ohio, May 8, 1866. He was a farmer by occupation and was reasonably prosperous in all his undertakings. In his religious faith he was a Methodist. His wife, whose maiden name was Martha Hough, was a daughter of Benjamin Hough, of Pennsylvania; the latter emigrated to Ohio in an early day, and became the second Auditor of the State. He was a skilled surveyor and made the first map of the State of Ohio. His daughter, Martha Brown, lived to the age of eighty-one years. They reared two sons, Austin H., and Col. Allison L. Col. Brown was born in February, 1835. In September, 1861, he enlisted in the Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was promoted to a Captaincy; he recruited a company for the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, after which he resigned on account of ill health. He was elected Colonel of the Twenty-seventh Ohio National Guard, and was afterward made Colonel of the One Hundred Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry by the Governor of the State. It was during this time that he distinguished himself, standing from 5 in the morning until 5:30 in the afternoon, against greatly superior forces, and covered Gen. Wallace's retreat from Monocacy. This battle was fought July 9, 1864, near Frederick, Maryland, by Gen. Wallace on the part of the Federal forces and Gen. Early of the opposing army. Though greatly outnumbered, Gen. Wallace was compelled to offer battle in order that sufficient delay might be had to transfer soldiers from Gen. Grant's army in front of Richmond to Washington. Even with the delay of more than a day at Monocacy, Gen. Early with his forces was at the suburbs of Washington when the Sixth and Nineteenth Army Corps were disembarking on the opposite side of the city. Col. A. L. Brown, with the One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, was assigned the right of the line and defense of the stone bridge on the Frederick and Baltimore Pike, the only means of escape for Gen. Wallace's defeated army. On that remarkable day,—as the official reports of Gen. Wallace, his commander, and Gen. Tyler, his division commander, show,—he performed the difficult and dangerous task with signal ability, bringing off his command intact, though instructed by Gen. Wallace's orders to throw away their guns and escape as occasion offered. It is due to Mr. Brown and the noble regiment which he commanded that Washington was then saved. The details of the sacrifices made by these men ought long ago to have been written out and published in their proper place in history, as well as in separate form for special distribution, as a small tribute of praise due to those heroic patriots. The order given him by Gen. Lew Wallace to hold the place to the last extremity is now in the possession of the family.

Col. Brown was twice elected a member of the State Senate, and was a candidate for Congress, reducing a heavy Democratic majority. His death occurred in 1879. He left one child, a daughter named Helena.

Austin H. Brown was born in Deerfield township, Ross county, Ohio, July 22, 1833.

He was reared to the life of a farmer, receiving a good practical education. At the early age of ten years he and his brother, two years his junior, were presented by their father with a pig and a colt, and with this capital laid the foundation of a partnership which existed through the life of the younger, in 1879. Their dealings were conducted from the beginning upon a strict basis, and they thus received a training that developed business qualifications that have enabled them to retain their property.

Mr. Brown was married in April, 1867, to Eleanor M. Burbridge, who died in 1883, the mother of four sons: William, Madeira, Frank and Harry. In January, 1888, he was married a second time, to Miss Rowena Nye, of Marietta, Ohio. In 1854 Mr. Brown gave his political allegiance to the Republican party, which body he has often represented in the various conventions of the county and State. He was a soldier in the late civil war, enlisting in May, 1864, as Commissary Sergeant of Colonel Brown's staff, and serving until the end of his enlistment. He was ill and confined to the hospital much of the time, and in August, 1864, came home, then the victim of typhoid fever, from which he did not recover until the following January. He is one of the successful farmers of Ross county, owning two fine tracts of land, one in Union township, and 400 acres in Deerfield township. He is a man of integrity and business ability, reflecting the best traits of an honored ancestry.

LEROY CLIMER, a farmer of Harrison township, is a son of Daniel and Martha (Riley) Climer. The mother was born in Springfield township, Ross county, Ohio, December 20, 1821, and is still living. The father died June 17, 1885. They were the parents of nine children, viz.: Edwin P., Leroy, William Henry, Sidney (deceased), Daniel W., Quimby, Mary J., Nancy and Cynthia.

Leroy Climer, the subject of this sketch, was born on the old homestead where he now resides, August 8, 1849. He remained on his father's farm until twenty-five years of age, spent the following fourteen years in Springfield township, and in 1889 located on the old homestead in Harrison township, which he now owns. The place contains 153 acres of fine farming land, and has many good improvements made by his father.

Mr. Climer was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, March 10, 1875, to Miss Ellen Hammon, who was born in Pike county, this State, March 10, 1851, a daughter of Phillip and Martha (Bumgarner) Hammon, the former a native of Germany, and the latter of Pike county, Ohio. They were married in the latter place, and still reside there. Mr. and Mrs. Hammon had twelve children, Mrs. Climer being the seventh in order of birth, and all are still living. Mr. and Mrs. Climer have had eight children, namely: Herschel; Howard, who died in infancy; Rolly L., also died in infancy; Mary E., who died in childhood; Carlton, Carrie, Stella and Presley.

DR. EUGENE SINCLARE JUDKINS.—The gentleman who constitutes the subject of this biographical review and is worthy of special mention in this volume, was born in New Lexington, Ohio, September 9, 1845.

Robert Peel Judkins, his father, was born September 4, 1812, in Northampton county, North Carolina, and emigrated to Ohio in 1832, reaching New Lexington

July 3. The following day he participated in the national celebration, his part in the exercises being the reading of the Declaration of Independence. He married Anna Brittain Robbins, a daughter of Charles and Sarah Robbins, December 26, 1841. She was born December 18, 1823, and is still living with Mr. Judkins' sister, Mrs. Rayburn, in Chetopa, Kansas. Her brothers and sisters are: Alice, who married J. W. Swearingen, and has one child, Mrs. Livzen, of New Vienna, Ohio; Richard S., Clerk and Mayor of the town of Seneca, Kansas; James, now deceased; Caroline, who married Edward S. Stratton, a dry-goods merchant, and is living at West Liberty, Iowa; Harriet, who married William Findlay, a stock dealer, and is residing near Wilmington, Ohio.

Dr. R. P. Judkins was a graduate of the Jefferson Medical College of Philadelphia, and for a time practiced his profession in the city of New Orleans. He died January 9, 1864, and is buried in the New Lexington cemetery. His children are: Gertrude, born November 7, 1842, married Henry W. Rayburn, a farmer now living near Chetopa, Kansas, July 4, 1866, and their children are: Anna, born October, 1867, and is married; Jessie; Etta; Marie, who died at the age of three years; Bertha; the subject of this sketch was the next in order of birth; Emma, born April 16, 1847, married William Harlan, a druggist of Barnesville, Ohio, September 4, 1868; in 1875 they moved to Kansas; their children are: Robert Harlan, born October, 1869; Marie, born in December; 1871; and Roy, born in the spring of 1876; Etta Bell, the youngest child of R. P. Judkins, was born June 4, 1864, and died with a cerebro-spinal trouble.

James Judkins, the grandfather of Dr. Judkins, was born April 8, 1760, in Northampton county, North Carolina. Never having a strong constitution he suffered much from ague during his young manhood. When fourteen years of age he was placed with Sampson Stanton, of Southampton county, Virginia, to learn the hatter's trade. The climate there agreed with him very well, and he soon became healthy. While an apprentice there he first met Martha Stanton, daughter of Sylvanus Stanton, and then a girl of nine years of age, who was living with her grandfather. Later, October 19, 1783, they were married. Before this time Mr. Judkins had completed his term of apprenticeship, returned to his native State, and commenced business for himself. At the time of that marriage Mrs. Judkins' mother, whose name before marriage was Stewart, had been dead for eighteen years. The Stewart family was a very old and respectable one, long established in the State of Virginia. Mr. Judkins' children by his first wife were: John, born August 18, 1784; Mary, July 7, 1786; William, September 1, 1788, and died at Cincinnati, Ohio, June 22, 1861; James, born June 18, 1791; Stanton, October 21, 1793; Anderson, born February 13, 1795, died at Steubenville, Ohio, January 9, 1835; Martha, born March 23, 1799. Mrs. Judkins died in Northampton county, North Carolina, October 14, 1799, and is buried in the Friends' burying-ground at Rich Square, same county.

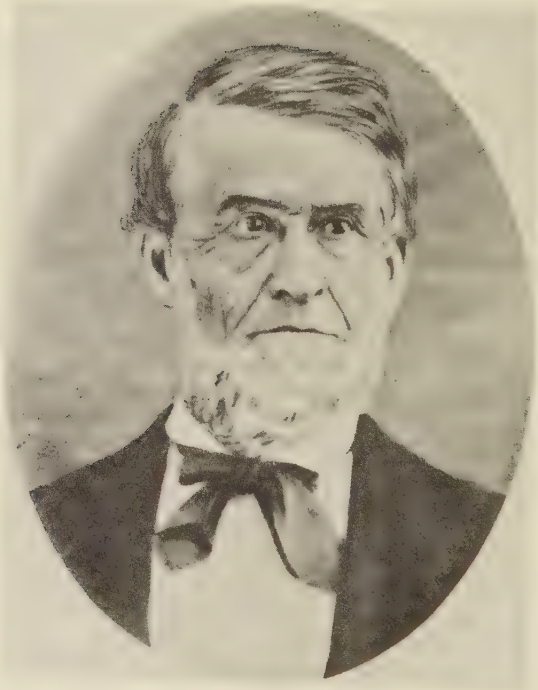
Mr. Judkins' second marriage occurred January 21, 1801, when he wedded Abigail, a daughter of Jacob Parker, born February 22, 1776, and their children were: Sarah, born August 23, 1803; Isaac Parker, July 1, 1806, and died at Mount Pleasant, Ohio,

July 20, 1811; Anna, born June 27, 1809; Robert P., father of Dr Judkins, born September 4, 1812; Jesse Parker, born May 31, 1815; Isaac Parker, named for the deceased brother, born October 6, 1818; Charles, born June 28, 1821, and died at Mount Pleasant, Ohio, December 12, 1821. Mrs. Abigail Judkins died at Mount Pleasant, August 1, 1821. Mr. Judkins left North Carolina in 1800, and in 1806 moved to Mount Pleasant, where he died, November 30, 1823, and his remains lie in Mount Pleasant cemetery. Although of a delicate constitution, Mr. Judkins brought up a large family, as may be noticed above, and his descendants are scattered through various States. He was the first of the family to come to this State, and from him have the residents here descended. The ancestry can be traced back still further, however.

Nicholas Judkins, father of James and great-grandfather of the subject of this memoir, was born in 1724, was a carpenter by trade, and when about thirty years of age married Mary Anderson, daughter of Carolus Anderson, who it is supposed came from Scotland. His children comprised three daughters and one son, all of whom died before reaching middle age. One of these daughters married William Edwards, and the other Hinche Warren. About the year 1770, these two families removed to New River, Onslow county, North Carolina, where descendants of the Edwards family are still living. Later, the Warrens moved to the Ogeechee river, Burke county, Georgia, where their descendants still reside. Mrs. Warren, however, died before the end of the journey was reached. As already stated, Nicholas Judkins was married to Mary Anderson, about 1755, and settled on the Mahesin river, Northampton county, North Carolina, Their children were: Robert, Sarah, John, Jesse, James, Joel, Faith and Carolus. Robert and Sarah died very young, and John and Jesse died at about twenty-two years of age. Nicholas Judkins died March 25, 1783, and his wife departed this life December 29, 1789, and they are buried in the old burying-ground near their home in North Carolina, where the Anderson family also are buried.

Robert Judkins, father of Nicholas, and great-great-grandfather of our subject, lived and died in Virginia. His father, John Judkins, in company with a brother, came from England or Wales about 1680 and settled on the Blackwater river near the line of Sussex and Surry counties, Virginia, and it was on this tract of land that Robert Judkins lived, as stated above. It is reasonable to suppose that John Judkins and his brother came to this country with William Penn when he made his first voyage. That these early members of the family were Quakers, or friendly to their belief, is not known; still, manuscript left in the family would indicate that they were. It is a matter of record, however, that Nicholas Judkins and wife were members of the Friends' Society, and a number of their descendants are still members of the same organization.

Dr. Judkins began reading medicine under the guidance of his uncle, Dr. Jesse P. Judkins, of Cincinnati, September, 1865. On the death of his uncle, December, 1868, he continued his studies under the direction of a cousin, Dr. C. P. Judkins, and Dr. Mussey, both of Cincinnati. He entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati in the autumn of 1867, and received his diploma from that institution in the spring of 1870. During the following January he opened an office in the city of Toledo; but,



James Douglass

being troubled there with inflammatory rheumatism, he decided to remove. Accordingly, in April, 1873, he came to New Lexington, the town of his birth, and opened an office for practice, and since then he has acted as preceptor to a number of students, among whom may be mentioned Dr. Thomas Savage, a graduate of the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery and now practicing at Bowerville, Clinton county, this State.

Dr. Judkin's military career was short, but active. He experienced difficulty in getting into the service, owing to his being so young, but in 1864 he succeeded in enlisting, at Camp Dennison, in the One Hundred and Seventy-fifth Ohio Infantry, and participated in the battles of Spring Hill, Thompson's station, Franklin and Nashville. At the last place he was mustered out of service, and received his final discharge at Camp Dennison, July 25, 1865.

October 4, 1880, is the date of his marriage to Miss Mary Amanda Savage, daughter of John and Esther B. (Bankson) Savage. Their only child is Robert John Judkins, who was born May 5, 1887.

Dr. Judkins is a member of the Masonic order, of the I. O. O. F., and of the G. A. R.

JAMES NORMAN DOUGLASS was born at the old Douglass homestead in Highland county, Ohio, November 29, 1849, his parents being James and Mary (Mackerly) Douglass, well-to-do and highly respected people.

James Douglass was a son of William and Mary (Scott) Douglass. William Douglass came in 1810 from Sherman Valley, Pennsylvania, to Pickaway Plains, Ohio, and shortly afterward removed to Highland county and settled on the place now owned by Samuel Crothers Douglass, one mile south of Greenfield. Here he lived until his death, December 23, 1852, at the age of eighty-eight years. Both he and his father, George Douglass, served in the Revolutionary war. George Douglass died in Pennsylvania at the age of sixty-five years. Samuel Scott, the maternal grandfather of our subject, was a native of Pennsylvania. He moved to Kentucky in 1806, and on the frontier saw much Indian fighting, his wife, whose maiden name was Fisher, being massacred by the Indians. His death occurred in Kentucky. He was a veteran of the Revolutionary war. When Grandfather William Douglass came to Ohio he brought with him $8,000 in silver, and with this money he purchased a large amount of land, principally from General McArthur, and a great deal of this property is still in the hands of the Douglass family.

James N. Douglass, after receiving a common-school education, attended Professor Blair's private school for about nine months, riding back and forth from his home, a distance of about three miles. In October, 1873, he entered the employ of Col. Jacob Hyre, who was in the grain business at Greenfield. They bought wheat from the farmers and used as storehouses the old tenement building now owned by Mr. Rucker and the warehouse occupied by Wickersham & Beatty; also dealt in corn and rye. While engaged in this business Mr. Douglass received $20 per month and board for clerical services rendered. In May, 1874, he returned to the home place and took full charge of it. At the time of his father's death the home farm comprised 365 acres of land, over which, however, hung heavy security debts. About $6,000 security money was paid. Subsequently

James N. and his brother, W. H., purchased the entire farm. The former now owns 340 acres, 265 of which belonged to the original farm. The brick house on this place was one of the first brick buildings in Madison township. The brick with which it is built was burned on this farm in 1848 by Paul Minor, and the house built by Mack and George Pine.

Mr. Douglass was married December 25, 1884, to Miss Rosie Porter, daughter of Peter and Rachel Porter of Ross county. Their only child is Mary Chriswell, born March 11, 1887.

Mr. Douglass has been a member of the Masonic Order for over fourteen years.

JAMES HENRY THOMPSON, of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born near Harrodsburg, Mercer county, Kentucky, September 27, 1812, the third child in a family of ten children, whose parents were John B. Thompson and Nancy P. (Robards) Thompson.

His parents, both Virginians by birth, in the latter part of the last century emigrated to Kentucky with their parents, John Thompson and George Robards, who settled at the head-waters of the Shawnee Run springs, on contiguous farms, and both of whom were captains in the Revolutionary army. The father of the subject of this sketch followed through life the profession of law, and achieved an enviable reputation as a legal practitioner and as a local statesman in Kentucky. He died at an early age, in 1832, leaving surviving him his wife, Nancy P. Thompson, who died in February, 1870.

James H. Thompson, on the father's side, was of English and Scotch blood, and on the mother's side of Welsh and French Huguenot blood. He is the brother of the late Hon. John B. Thompson, United States Senator from Kentucky, and Philip B. Thompson, one of the leading spirits of the Harrodsburg (Kentucky) bar. In his seventeenth year, being then well advanced in the classics and mathematics, he assumed the *role* of educator, and engaged in teaching school in Jessamine county, Kentucky, which occupation engrossed his attention for the ensuing three years; and through these years his leisure hours were devoted to the reading of law and general literature; and during the time of his teaching he educated O. Singleton, late member of Congress from Mississippi, and Samuel H. Woodson, late member of Congress from Missouri. On the 7th of April, 1831, after passing successfully through the ordeal of an examination, he was admitted to the bar, and in the same year became Sheriff of Jessamine county, Kentucky, by the purchase of the office of High Sheriff, according to the laws of the State at that time; and, thus virtually becoming Sheriff, he discharged the duties of that office for a period of two years. In 1833 he entered upon the active practice of his profession at Nicholasville, Jessamine county, Kentucky, and was thus professionally engaged until 1835, when he was induced to remove to Versailles, Woodford county, same State, on account of the devastation of the bar at the latter place by the cholera. In Versailles, and in partnership with the Hon. William B. Kinkaid, he practiced his profession with great success until September 21, 1837, when he was married to Eliza J. Trimble, of Hillsborough, Ohio, the only daughter of ex-Governor Allen Trimble, deceased, and Rachel Trimble, his wife, deceased, who was a daughter of Joshua

James H. Thompson.

Woodrow, a Quaker merchant of Hillsborough at an early day The father of Mrs. Eliza J. Thompson was wholly of Scotch-Irish blood, and her mother of English blood, and they were both Virginians by birth. There were born by this marriage the following named children: Allen Trimble Thompson, Anna Porter Thompson, John Henry Thompson and Joseph Trimble Thompson, all deceased; and the children still living: Mrs. Edward Rives, Hillsborough, Ohio; Mrs. Herbert Tuttle, Ithaca, New York; Henry Burton Thompson, Hillsborough, Ohio; and John Burton Thompson, Salt Lake City, Utah. There are two grandchildren (children of Allen T. Thompson, deceased): Sarah Thompson Collins (deceased), and George Allen Thompson, of Xenia, Ohio.

The subject of this sketch, James H. Thompson, after marriage, having occupied the winter of 1837-8 in studying the Ohio laws and decisions, was admitted to practice law in Ohio, at Batavia, Clermont county, Ohio, April 10, 1838, and admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of the United States on the 20th of January, 1854. In the latter part of 1838 he settled in Cincinnati, and opened a law office on Third street, where he remained in the successful practice of his profession until 1842, when, on account of his own health and the health of his family, he removed to Hillsborough, Highland county, Ohio, where he has ever since resided, and has continued the practice of his profession. From this point as a center he has been engaged in a large circuit practice in five surrounding counties, also in the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for Ohio and in the Supreme Court of this State. In the reports of this court his name and arguments appear as counsel from 1840 to 1894, as many times, if not more, as are the number of the volumes of the reports. His greatest reputation in his profession has been achieved as a land lawyer in the complex titles of the Virginia Military District, and as a criminal lawyer, in which capacity he has been engaged chiefly in the defense of those accused of crime from treason, including more than twenty-five cases of homicide, through the whole catalogue of criminal offenses. In his time he has appeared before more than thirty judges, of the various courts, now deceased.

He was appointed, by the unanimous solicitation of the bar of his whole district, Register in Bankruptcy in his congressional district in 1867, and continued in that office until the bankruptcy law was repealed, and during his term of that office, at the Centennial national celebration of July 4, 1876, he was, by the arrangements made for that celebration in his county, appointed Historian, to write and publish the history of the county, which he completed and published December 1, 1877; and such history has ever since been considered as a standard work.

Being actively engaged in the practice of his profession until April 7, 1881, and feeling a desire gradually to retire, the bar of his county prepared and tendered him a banquet, on the fiftieth anniversary of his professional career, which was accepted and carried out in the highest glow of good feeling and proper taste. Afterward, on the 20th day of October, 1881, the Honorable Samuel F. Steel, the presiding Judge of the Second Subdivision of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of Ohio, including Highland county, having resigned his office of Judge of the Court of Common

Pleas of said subdivision, on the unanimous recommendation of all the members of the bar, James H. Thompson was appointed and commissioned by Charles Foster, governor of Ohio, as Judge of the said Court of Common Pleas, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of the Honorable Samuel F. Steel; and thereupon, on the 24th day of October, 1881, he was qualified by his oath to discharge the duties of the Judge of said Court of Common Pleas, and did discharge all such duties for the unexpired term of the said Samuel F. Steel, to the satisfaction of the bar and the people.

In politics an old-line Whig, in 1840 he ardently supported General Harrison. In 1844 he took an active and prominent part in favor of Mr. Clay, supported General Taylor, and in the last Whig convention at Baltimore, as a delegate, urged the nomination of General Scott. After the dissolution of the Whig party, he sustained Bell and Everett; then, after the commencement of the war, he threw his influence to the Republican party, and throughout the war took an active part as one of the military committeemen of his State, in helping to sustain the Union army. Since the war he has acted with the Republican party, and has voted for and sustained all its presidents and the political policy of that party, except its advocacy of the Australian ballot system, which he has publicly maintained and still maintains, in its provisions violates the constitution of the States and of the United States, and will eventually lead to the distruction of the single-ballot right of every voter.

Since his retirement from the bench he has not sought for general active practice in his profession; but has been engaged in various complex cases involving titles to the lands in the Virginia Military District, and occasionally in the defense of criminals, who desired to avail themselves of his long experience in his profession. And he has devoted much of his time to the promotion and construction of the Columbus & Maysville Railroad, the central link of which, from Hillsborough to Sardinia, in Brown county, has been completed and operated successfully for several years, and which, in the opinion of Judge Thompson, when the present hard and complex financial times have passed away, will be completed South to Maysville, Kentucky, and northwardly to Greenfield, Ohio, and thus a complete line of railway will be constructed and operated from Chicago through Lima and Springfield, Ohio, Washington Court House and Hillsborough to Maysville, Kentucky, thus constituting a line of railroad from Chicago to Maysville, Kentucky, through the central part of the Virginia Military District, to the completion of which his future energies will be largely contributed.

Having heretofore taken an active and liberal part in all public improvements tending to enhance the interests of his country and town, for the last fifty years, he has contributed liberally to every public edifice in Hillsborough, particularly in building and sustaining the Hillsborough Female College, which has been recently destroyed by fire.

Judge Thompson and his wife, in their religious faith, are adherents of the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which church their son, the late Allen T. Thompson, was a gifted minister.

On the 24th of December, 1873, "The Woman's Crusade" was inaugurated at the Presbyterian church in Hillsborough, Ohio,

and Mrs. Thompson was chosen the leader of the first "Band of Crusaders" that went out on that day to offer prayers in the saloons for the suppression of the liquor traffic, as it is known and recognized in the history of the Woman's Christian Union in the United States.

The W. C. T. U. was, subsequently to that date, organized and created at Cleveland, Ohio, for the purpose of carrying out and propagating the spirit of that crusade; and Mrs. Thompson has been continued ever since its organization as president of the original society at Hillsborough. Such society, knowing that the fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Judge and Mrs. Thompson would occur on the 21st of September, 1887, decided to celebrate their golden wedding in an appropriate manner, and accordingly sent out invitations to all the State presidents of the National W. C. T. U., inviting them to participate in the celebration of the golden wedding in such manner as might suit their several tastes and conditions of life. These invitations were responded to from all parts of the United States, with gifts and sentiments in unison with the occasion, which gratified the highest expectations of the originators of the celebration. On that occasion and at all other times, and under all circumstances, Judge Thompson sustained all the efforts of his wife in the advocacy of the temperance cause; and afterward, in May, 1877, when the Francis Murphy temperance movement was inaugurated at Hillsborough, he signed one of the Murphy pledges and became a member of that society, and has continued from that day to this an avowed public advocate of all anti-liquor movements for the suppression of intemperance; and, as he daily walks the streets with his erect form and clear complexion, advocating on all proper occasions with unanswerable logic, the wisdom, right and propriety of granting the privilege of woman suffrage, on account of the equality of privileges among the citizens of a republican government, and on the ground that such suffrage would create a safe balance-wheel at the ballot box favorable to the promotion of the best interests of society, and especially the suppression of intemperance, his personage affords an unanswerable exemplification of his proclaimed sentiments,—that the use of alcoholic liquors is not necessary for the promotion of health, at any period of a man's life, and does not alleviate the labor and sorrows of extreme old age.

WILLIAM TAYLOR, Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, has resided on his present farm, since 1869, and has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of his vicinity, being the owner of nearly 1,000 acres of land in Ross county.

Mr. Taylor is a son of the late Price Taylor and a grandson of Joseph Taylor, who came from Kentucky to Ohio some time prior to the year 1800 and settled near Bainbridge, where he died. Price Taylor was born near Bainbridge in 1804, and was there reared and married, the lady of his choice being Miss Catherine Smith, a native of Washington county, Pennsylvania, who came over the mountains to this State with her mother in early childhood, the journey being made in a pack saddle. She died in 1856, and Mr. Taylor survived her until July, 1883. They became the parents of four children, who grew up: William, Mary C., Penelope and Nancy E.

William Taylor was born on the old Taylor homestead near Bainbridge, March 13, 1835, and was there reared to manhood. He graduated at the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, a member of the class of 1856, after which he read law in the office of Judge Clark, of Hamilton, Ohio, and was admitted to the bar in 1859. On account of injuries received at a fire in Bainbridge, however, Mr. Taylor was prevented from continuing in the practice of his profession, and for ten years he was engaged in teaching, being employed in various places. He was for a time Superintendent of the schools in the western building in Chillicothe. Resigning his position there, he settled on his present farm in 1869, and has since given his attention to agricultural pursuits. He erected the comfortable residence he occupies and otherwise made valuable improvements on his farm.

Mr. Taylor was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, to Miss Elizabeth H. McCrackin, who was born in Twin township, this county. She is a granddaughter of the late Judge Isaac McCrackin, who emigrated from Virginia to this State at an early day and settled in the eastern part of Ross county, near Kingston. Her father, Isaac N. McCrackin, an educated gentleman and a well-to-do farmer, died in Twin township when he was about forty years old, his death resulting from lockjaw. Her mother, whose maiden name was Mary Maxwell, and who was a native of Virginia, also died in Twin township, being about sixty at the time of her death. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor have had two children, both having died in infancy.

Mr. Taylor has served the public as Township Trustee and has twice served in the capacity of Land Appraiser of Twin township. He and his wife have both been active members of the Presbyterian Church for many years.

ISAIAH THOMAS VANCE, a prominent farmer near New Market, was born on the place where his father now lives in Highland county, April 28, 1843, his parents being Davis Jefferson and Eliza Jane (Purdy) Vance. His grandfather, Davis Vance, was born in Venango county, Pennsylvania, November 22, 1781, and died in Ohio, March 29, 1837. He married Hannah Tedrick, also a native of Pennsylvania, born November 14, 1788, and died here in Ohio, September 19, 1877. They were married July 5, 1807, and left the Keystone State for Ohio in a muslin-covered wagon twenty-eight years later, reaching Highland county in October, 1835. They had thirteen children of their own, and several of them married and had families, making nineteen in all in the group. They brought with them $600 in cash, but very few goods. Mr. Vance purchased 170 acres of land of John A. Smith, near New Market, and here he lived until his death. His wife also died here, and they are buried at Sanders' graveyard.

Their children were: Mary Elizabeth, born June 26, 1808, now deceased, who married Andrew McConnaughey; Jacob J., born October 6, 1809, married Rachel Gaddis, a farmer in this county, and she is now deceased; Rosanna, born May 27, 1811, became the wife of Elias Hatfield, a farmer of Highland county, and is deceased; Anna, born October 29, 1812, married Lewis Johnson, a farmer in Iowa; Hannah, born June 25, 1814, became the wife of Moses Whistler, a Highland county farmer; Lewis,

born January 13, 1816, married Lucinda James, a farmer of Highland county; Isaiah, born September 22, 1817, married Abigail Pence, a farmer in this county, and died March 18, 1843; Eliza, born June 11, 1819, became the wife of Thomas P. Lemon, also a farmer in the same county; Davis Jefferson, father of Isaiah T., our subject; William, born May 28, 1823, married Elizabeth E. McConnaughey, a farmer of this county; Thomas, born January 1, 1825, married Louisa McConnaughey, a Highland county farmer, and died September 26, 1857; Andrew, born December 9, 1826, was married to Harriet Gibler, and is now engaged in agricultural pursuits in Knox county, Illinois; and Margaret, who was born November 3, 1828, married George McConnaughey, a farmer in Monroe county, Iowa.

Davis Jefferson Vance, father of Isaiah, was born July 5, 1821, and is now living on the old home place first purchased by his father. He married Eliza Jane Purdy, daughter of Thomas and Jane (Reed) Purdy, November 25, 1840, and their children are: Mary Jane, born October 30, 1841, married John A. McConnaughey October 9, 1862, had four children, and died November 19, 1872; Isaiah Thomas, subject; John C., born January 6, 1845, is a farmer in this county; Hannah Ann, born October 4, 1846, married Rufus O. Elliott and is living in this county; Margaret Ellen, born June 3, 1850, became the wife of Lewis A. Purdy and is a resident of this county; Davis E., born December 6, 1852, married Effie Wilkin, an agriculturist of Highland county; and George LaFayette, born March 25, 1855, living, but afflicted for life with the results of a brain fever he had when very young.

Mr. Isaiah T. Vance remained on the home place until he was twenty-seven years of age, when he rented the farm where he now resides, and shortly afterward, in 1872, he purchased it. The original tract comprised 165 acres, and was bought of the widow Price. Mr. Vance has added to it from time to time by other purchases, and has altogether 344 acres in one body.

February 6, 1870, Mr. Vance was married to Miss Christina Rebecca Roush, daughter of Henry and Mary (Caley) Roush, and their children are: Augustus Vallandingham, born October 24, 1871, and died November 13, 1871; Lennie Duck Roush, born January 27, 1873, is still an inmate of the parental home; George Bede Elsworth, born April 10, 1875; Lillie Lebertie, April 16, 1877; Nellie Ora Pearl, August 29, 1879; and Virgil Vernon, July 14, 1887,—all these latter at home.

In his political sympathies Mr. Vance is a Democrat, and he and his wife are members of the Baptist Church, but the children are members of the Presbyterian Church at New Market. Mr. Vance and family are highly respected members of the community in which they reside.

ABNER WARNER was born in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, on the farm which is still his home, August 2, 1821. His father, Levi Warner, was born in Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1779, and his grandfather, John Warner, was a resident of that county, though the place of his birth is not known. He was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, serving under General Washington. He died about 1780. After his death the family removed to Wilmington, Delaware, where the children grew to maturity. Levi

Warner was employed in the United States custom house in Wilmington four years. He removed to Ohio in 1796 and settled in the territory now embraced in Ross county. He was accompanied by a number of settlers who located at High-bank, just south of Chillicothe. The maternal grandfather of our subject, John Winders, emigrated to Ohio in 1796, at the head of a colony of which Levi Warner was a member. He bought a tract of 1,000 acres, which he sold in lots to the various members of the colony. This land lay in Union township and was a portion of the Massie survey. Levi Warner returned to Pennsylvania, but about 1802 came back to Ohio and settled in Union township on land which he placed under cultivation. He erected the brick residence which still stands upon the place, in 1828. In those early days corn-bread, hominy and wild meat were the chief diet of the pioneers. Mr. Warner was a potter by trade, and exchanged his wares for salt, which he sold to his neighbors. He was often obliged to carry a torch from his cabin to his shop to keep the wolves away. He was married in 1804 to Miss Massie Winders, a daughter of John Winders, who is mentioned earlier in this sketch as the head of the colony coming from the Keystone State. Mrs. Warner died January 2, 1823, the mother of a family of eight children. Mr. Warner was married again, the second wife bearing three sons. He was married a third time, but there were no children of this union. He died March 9, 1853.

Abner Warner was born in the old log house, which was the first residence of the family in Ross county. He attended the subscription schools, passing his youth in the uneventful routine of the frontier. He assisted his father in taking droves of cattle across the mountains to the Eastern markets, and continued the business of shipping to distant markets until 1871. In early times the trip to Philadelphia required sixty days. In 1844 Mr. Warner was married to Eleanor Anderson, who was born in Union township, the daughter of John Anderson, who was a Virginian. Six children have been born to this marriage: John M., Trumble, Hugh, Ella, Simeon and Abner.

Until the organization of the Republican party Mr. Warner cast his suffrage with the Whigs. He has held various local offices within the gift of the people and has ever proven himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. The most of his life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He has 180 acres of land in a high state of cultivation, and has done much to develop the resources of Ross county. A man of unusual business ability and unquestioned integrity, he enjoys the respect of all who know him.

JOSEPH BAUM, deceased, was a wealthy farmer of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, residing in a spacious brick house, from which a magnificent view of his broad acres was obtained.

He was born in Madison township, Pickaway county, Ohio, September 7, 1819, son of Christian and Sarah (Shook) Baum, natives of Pennsylvania, who early emigrated to Ohio and settled in Pickaway county, where they reared a family of seven children, and where they passed the residue of their lives and died. Joseph was reared on his father's farm, and remained in Pickaway county until 1841, when he came to Ross county and located in Twin township. Prosperity smiled on his efforts here; from

time to time he invested in land, until he became the owner of nearly 1,000 acres, and was classed with the wealthiest and most prosperous men of the county. He died November 29, 1893, highly respected by all who knew him.

December 27, 1843, in Pickaway county, Mr. Baum married Miss Martha A. Brown, who was born there April 25, 1822, daughter of James P. and Elizabeth (Miller) Brown, both natives of Virginia. Her parents have both passed away, her mother dying in Pickaway county, and her father in Ross county. Mr. and Mrs. Baum became the parents of five children: John C., who married Miss M. McCracken; James, who married Miss Frances Coover; William, who married Caroline Troup; Jacob, who was first married to Sarah Sammers, and after her death to Mary Corcorean; and Joseph, who married Miss Maggie Richle.

Mr. Baum was identified with the Presbyterian Church, and politically he was a Republican. For a time he filled the office of Township Trustee. Mrs. Baum also is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JAMES CARLISLE, deceased, was the worthy sire of a large and highly respected family. He was a native of Virginia and came from that State to Ohio as early as 1804, first settling in Ross county, and two years later in Washington township, Highland county. At the latter place he opened up a large farm of several hundred acres, carried on farming on an extensive scale, and became a man of considerable influence in the community. The farm house built by him is now owned by his grandson, James Carlisle. He had a family as follows: John, James, Henry, Samuel B., Rynard, Nancy and Eliza. All grew to maturity, and all except Nancy had large families.

Samuel B. Carlisle, the fourth son, was born in Ross county, Ohio, in 1804, and came with his parents to Highland county in 1806. He grew up on the farm and continued in agricultural pursuits on the old home place in Washington township. He married Miss Lucretia Lucas, a daughter of one of the pioneers of the county, and they became the parents of twelve children, eight daughters and four sons, namely: Lucinda, wife of Johnson Elliott; Catharine, wife of Thomas Elliott; Mary, deceased, wife of Charles Kerns; Elizabeth, deceased, wife of H. W. Sargur; Amanda, wife of George Wesner; Jennie, wife of Jacob Hyer; Hannah E., wife of J. McLane Coffman; Rynard, deceased; Thomas, who died in early manhood; James; and John, engaged in farming in California. The father of this large family was a large land owner, having 400 acres here and as much in Iowa, and in addition to his farming he also dealt largely in stock. Politically, he was a Republican and an Abolitionist. His home was a station on the famous underground railroad, and he was the means of helping many a dusky slave to freedom. Both he and his wife were earnest Christians and devoted members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He died in 1880, at the age of seventy-six years, and his good wife survived until 1892, her age being eighty-two at time of death.

James Carlisle, above mentioned as the son of this worthy couple, was born at the old homestead in Washington township, October 8, 1841, and was reared and educated here. His life, like that of his father and grandfather, has been devoted to agri-

cultural pursuits and attended with prosperity. Besides the old home place, he owns several other large and valuable tracts of land. In 1888 he built the finest brick residence in the township, its cost being $8,000. For about thirty years he has dealt extensively in stock. His own private affairs have always occupied his time and attention, and he has never been an office-holder or seeker. He casts his vote with the Republican party.

Mr. Carlisle has been twice married. In February, 1874, he married Cinderilla Richards, and their union was severed by her death a year and a half later. June 29, 1887, he wedded Martha Glenn, daughter of James and Mary (Garrett) Glenn. Mr. Glenn died in Missouri in 1873, at the age of forty-five years, and Mrs. Glenn now resides with her daughter. Mr. and Mrs. Carlisle have three children: Wilbur Glenn, Hazel and Fred B. Mrs. Carlisle is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her father's people were Scotch-Irish, and her mother's ancestors Irish.

JOHN EDDY MICK, son of Ezekiel K., and Barbara A. (Acre) Mick, was born in Chillicothe, April 19, 1845. Ezekiel Mick, was the son of William G. Mick, born in 1806 and died April 29, 1856. The father of the last mentioned was Willlam Mick, a celebrated Methodist preacher of his time, who came to Bourneville from Kentucky in the early history of Ohio. He was a stalwart and very muscular man; and in those early days, when it was sometimes necessary to use muscular force to cope with the rough-and-ready element, he was not found wanting. He was a blacksmith, such as was needed during the period when everything was turned out by hand; and while preaching regularly on Sunday he worked at his forge during the week, in a log shop, which was still standing in Bourneville a few years ago. In those days, when the country was new, covered with forests, axes were a prime necessity, next to the rifle, and the "Mick ax" became noted all over southern Ohio. It is said that practically no other manufacture of ax was used in clearing the site of Athens, Ohio. It took one week to go from Athens to Bourneville on horseback and return to get the axes upset and ground.

His son, William G., took to farming. In after years he moved to Chillicothe, where he at length held the offices of Deputy Sheriff, Constable and Justice of the Peace for many years. Like his father, he was very muscular, a real athlete; was over six feet tall, and in his prime weighed 287 pounds. He was Deputy Sheriff at the time of the Edwards murder in Bourneville, and Justice at the time of the Pat Halvey murder, the case being tried before him. In politics he was a thorough Whig; and it is said, as an example of his earnestness in political debate, that once in a heated discussion, in 1840, he became somewhat angry and stamped so hard that he broke down the floor.

His son Ezekiel was born in Bourneville, in February, 1826, and died December 13, 1891. In his younger days he taught school, and afteward was a bookkeeper: for thirty-five years he was a politician. In 1856 he was appointed city auctioneer, continuing in that capacity until his death. He was elected a Justice of the Peace in 1861, and held the office for thirty years. It was before him that nearly all the volunteers from Ross county were

sworn in. He was a Whig, Republican, and a Royal Arch Mason. At a special election, in June, 1873, he was elected Mayor of Chillicothe, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mayor W. C. Williams; was re-elected in 1875 and 1877. During his first term he and his council originated the scheme of erecting a city building, and he was the first Mayor to occupy it,—which may be said to be a monument to himself. The swivel chair which he ordered constructed for the mayor's desk is still in use. The city prospered under his guidance; more money was collected than under any previous incumbent, and many improvements were added to the city in the way of permanent adornments,—among them the equipment of the city park. He is spoken of in the highest terms by the older men, who remember his life. He was noted for his integrity, and during his long career in public service it became a common saying that "he could be trusted with money uncounted." He was sympathetic to a fault; was a great reader, understood common law better than many lawyers, and rendered very valuable service to his fellow men, for which he refused payment. As an example of his forgetfulness of self in regard to others, it is related of him that, at the risk of his own life, he once saved that of the deaf and dumb son of Philip Klein, barely saving the child from being trampled upon by a runaway horse. The people loved him, and at his death mourned his departure from earth as the loss of a brother. He was also a very large man,—five feet eleven inches tall, and weighed 280 pounds.

His brother, John Mick, was Drum Major in the Twenty-second Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and afterward in the Sixty-third, under Colonel Gilmore. His sister Sarah married James Ross, a merchant tailor of Portsmouth. His wife, the mother of John Eddy Mick (subject), is still living, in Chillicothe. She is a native of Virginia, the daughter of George and Elizabeth (Ong) Acre. She is a descendant of the celebrated Ong family, of which limited space forbids more than brief mention in this sketch.

Mr. Mick, our subject, left school at fourteen years of age, and commenced to learn the trade of blacksmith under John Keezer, a successful edge-tool maker in Chillicothe. After three years he went to work at the Emmit distillery, under Philip Korst, where he was a "helper," receiving a salary of sixty cents a day. Six months afterward he went to Zelaski, where he secured work at the old Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad car shops until the spring of 1864, when he volunteered to serve 100 days in the Union army, going out in Company A, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was on guard duty principally, and once narrowly escaped being captured and sent to Libby prison during a skirmish with the rebels near Berrysville, Virginia. Of his five comrades who were captured, only one — William McComon — ever returned alive from Libby.

Returning to Zelaski early in 1865, he resumed his old position until 1867, when he went to Cincinnati and worked for A. L. Mowery, a car-builder; thence he drifted to Springfield, Ohio, and in 1869 he was called to take charge of the blacksmith shops at Zelaski, employing thirty-two men. In 1872 he went to Springfield and took charge of the blacksmithing department of the James Leffel concern, manufacturers of water-

wheels. A year afterward he returned to Chillicothe, and began work in the railroad shops of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern (then the Marrietta & Cincinnati Railroad) Company. In April, 1881, he went to Portsmouth, and for ten years was foreman of the Scioto Valley shops; next he accepted a position in the service of the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railroad Company at Lima, Ohio, employing thirty men; and a year afterward he came to Chillicothe and entered upon his present position as foreman of the blacksmith department of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern shops.

In 1865 he was united in matrimony with Mary E. Wiley, a native of Ross county, who died in February, 1880, after having had four children, only one of whom, Harry E., grew to manhood; he is a telegraph operator. For his second wife Mr. Mick married Miss Anna M. Ware, a native of Portsmouth, and a daughter of William H. Ware, Sr., and Martha A. (Lancaster) Ware.

Mr. Mick is Past Grand of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 80, I. O. O. F., a member of A. L. Brown Post, G. A. R., and Past Chief Ranger of Court Mount Logan, No. 1535, I. O. Foresters.

CAPT. MARTIN L. BUCHWALTER is one of the prominent farmers residing near Hallsville, in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio. The following facts in regard to his life and ancestry have been gleaned for publication:

The subject of our sketch is descended from Francis Buchwalter, who emigrated from Germany to America some time between 1710 and 1720, and located at Phœnixville, near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He brought his family with him to this country. Abraham Buchwalter, the Captain's grandfather, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in the year 1820, and settled in Colerain township, Ross county, where he became the owner of a large tract of land. He died in 1837, aged seventy-six years. Both in Pennsylvania and Ohio the Buchwalters have been ranked with the leading citizens of their communities. Samuel Buchwalter, the father of our subject, landed in Ohio in 1827, coming hither from Berks county, Pennsylvania. He, too, settled in Colerain township, Ross county, and here he purchased a part of section 16, school land, which had been slightly improved by tenants. He at once devoted his energies to the clearing and improving of his farm, and in 1835 he erected a large brick house, which is still standing and is in a good state of preservation. He died in 1868, aged sixty-four years. His wife was by maiden name Catherine Jones. She is a native of Maryland, having emigrated to Ohio with her parents at an early day. She is still living, at an advanced age, and is a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She had a family of three sons and one daughter, the daughter dying at about the age of eighteen.

Capt. Martin L. Buchwalter, the oldest of the three sons, was born in a log house on the farm on which he still lives, December 9, 1835. The common-school education he received in the log school-house near his home, was supplemented by two terms at Athens, Ohio. He was in the prime of young manhood, and was at work on the farm when the troublous days of the Civil war came on.

October 12, 1861, he enlisted in Company A, Seventy-third Ohio Regiment,

going into the service as private. He continued on duty until the war closed, having re-enlisted in 1864. The date of his discharge was July 25, 1865; he was mustered out as Captain of Company C, Seventy-third Regiment. From Sergeant he was promoted, November 18, 1864, to the rank of First Lieutenant of Company H, and May 11, 1865, was made Captain of Company C. Among the important engagements in which he took part we mention those of McDowell, second Bull Run, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Chattanooga, and the campaign from Atlanta to the sea, and the engagements through the Carolinas, finally taking part in the grand review at Washington. After the second battle of Bull Run he was stricken with typhoid fever, and for some time lay in the Lyceum Hospital at Alexandria.

The war over, Captain Buchwalter returned to his home in Ohio, and engaged in farming. Subsequently he purchased a saw-mill, which he ran for a few years, but again returned to the old home place and has since resided here. This farm comprises 241 acres, owned jointly by him and his brother, Harrison.

The subject of our sketch was married in 1875 to Miss Lucretia Holman, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Abraham Holman. She died in 1879, leaving one child, Arthur. In 1884 he married Laura F. Le Retilley, of Coshocton county, Ohio. They have two sons, James L. and Robert.

Capt. Buckwalter is a member of the G. A. R. Post at Adelphi, affiliates with the Republican party, and has served the public as Township Trustee and in other offices. Mrs. Buchwalter is a member of the Presbyterian Church.

JACOB HICKLE, a self-made man and well-to-do farmer near Hallsville, Colerain township, Ross county, is one of the representative men of his vicinity.

He is a native of the township in which he now resides, born March 8, 1822. He was a son of Henry Hickle, a native of Hampshire county, West Virginia. Grandfather Hickle was born in Germany, and upon his emigration to America located in the Old Dominion, whence he subsequently removed to Ohio with his son Henry and family; and here he died, at the advanced age of ninety years. The Hickles were among the early settlers of Ross county, and lived in a log school-house until they could erect their cabin. Henry Hickle bought land near where Hallsville now stands and from the forest re-claimed a fine farm, on which he devoted his energies to agricultural pursuits during the rest of his life, dying at the age of sixty-five. He was without any means whatever when he came here, and at the time of his death he was in good circumstances. His wife, whose maiden name was Rebecca Reed, died eighteen years before him, leaving nine children, six of whom are living. After her death he married Eliza Smith, who survived him, and by whom he had five children, four of whom are living.

Jacob Hickle, the seventh in the first family, was born in his father's primitive log cabin, and amid pioneer scenes he was reared, his school education being limited to a few months at a log-cabin school near home. In 1843 he began life for himself, as a farmer, on rented land. In 1857 he and his brother purchased the home farm, which they owned and operated together for several years, when Jacob sold his in-

terest to his brother. He then purchased his present farm, adjoining Hallsville on the north, and early in the '70s bought eighty acres adjoining it, on which he subsequently erected his comfortable residence. His farm now comprises 157 acres of choice land, all in a state of good cultivation. For a number of years he raised cattle and carried on general farming, but recently he has practically retired from the active duties of the farm. He began life with limited means, and his present beautiful home and broad acres are the result of his own well directed efforts.

Mr. Hickle was married in 1857 to Tamson Minser, a native of Ohio and a daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Minser. Her father died some time in the '40s, and her mother is still living. She is one of five children, four of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Hickle are rearing a little girl, Tamson Ater. Mrs. Hickle is a member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Hickle in politics is a Republican, but has never been an aspirant for office.

J. FRANK WILSON, Judge of the Probate Court, Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in Ross county, this State, July 16, 1864.

His parents, Alfred L. and Catharine D. (Ware) Wilson, were both born in Ohio. Alfred L. Wilson was a wealthy and highly respected farmer. He died July 29, 1894, in the seventieth year of his age. His widow is still living. Both the grandfathers of our subject participated in the war of 1812, and, what is remarkable, both lived to be over ninety years of age.

Judge Wilson is a graduate of the High schools of Greenfield, the Academy at South Salem, and is also a graduate of the college at Springfield, Ohio. He began the study of law at Greenfield, in the office of the late Hon. W. H. Irwin, and afterward entered the Law School of the Cincinnati College, where he graduated in 1888, and at the same time was admitted to the bar. He at once engaged in the practice of law at Greenfield, and for two years continued alone, doing a very successful business. January 1, 1891, he formed a partnership with his old preceptor, under the firm name of Irwin & Wilson, which association continued until January of 1894. He having been elected Judge of the Probate Court in the fall of 1893, he came to Hillsborough in February, 1894, to assume the duties of his office.

Politically, he is a Republican; fraternally, a Mason and a Knight of Pythias; religiously, a Presbyterian, as is also his wife.

Judge Wilson was married December 25, 1890, to Grace Greenwood Edmiston, a daughter of Captain J. F. Edmiston, of South Salem, Ohio, and a veteran of the late war. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have one son, Willard, born December 4, 1891.

PETER BISZANTZ, who owns and occupies a farm of 235 acres in Twin township, Ross county, is ranked with the prosperous men of his vicinity. He was born in Pike county, this State, November 4, 1846, and passed his boyhood days on his father's farm in that county; and since 1863 he has been a resident of the township in which he now lives. Until 1876 he was engaged in milling here, but since then he has given his attention wholly to farming.

Inasmuch as his relationships are numerous and influential in this part of the State, we give here a brief account of them. Jacob Biszantz, his father, was born in Bavaria, Germany, April 6, 1806, a son of David and Elizabeth (Schmizer) Biszantz, also natives of that country. He grew to manhood in his native land, and emigrated to America in August, 1843, locating in Pike county, Ohio; and in the same year, in this county, he married Miss Anna Mary Zahn, also a native of Bavaria, born September 11, 1826, and came to America with her parents when twelve years of age. Andrew Zahn, her father, was born in Baden, Germany, in 1784, and arrived in Pike county August 9, 1838. He married Evalina Schaeffer, a native of Bavaria and a daughter of Philip Jacob Schaeffer, of that country. The latter married Amelia von Kinnel, a native of the same country, who arrived in America in August, 1838, settling in Pike county, Ohio.

Jacob Biszantz was engaged in farming and milling in Ross county up to the time of his death, which event occurred September 28, 1877, in Twin township, to which place he had moved in 1863. He and his wife had two children, namely: Margaret, wife of Jacob Blosser; and Peter, the subject of this sketch.

Peter Biszantz was married in Twin township, October 3, 1876, to Miss Rebecca Elizabeth Steel, daughter of James A. and Rebecca J. (Dolohan) Steel, residents of Fayette county, this State. Mrs. Biszantz, however, is a native of Twin township, Ross county, born June 12, 1854. Her father, James A. Steel, was the only son of John and Rebecca Steel, and was born in Ross county, June 21, 1830. John Steel was the oldest son of James and Jane (Gladstone) Steel; the last mentioned was a first cousin of the world's greatest statesman, the Hon. William E. Gladstone, ex-Premier of England. John Steel was born at Bigger, near Edinboro, Scotland, and came to this country with his cousin, James Gibson, when a lad twelve years old. He married Rebecca McCreary, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of James W. McCreary, who came from Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, to Ohio when a young man. Mr. McCreary married Jane Minary, who came from Kentucky to Ross county before Chillicothe was built up. The Indians used to come to their cabin on horseback, and count the children, "One papoose, two papoose," etc. Mrs. McCreary's sister, Elizabeth, was but four weeks old at the time, and her brother, Alexander, a few years older than herself, came on foot, driving sheep. In those days there was but a single path,—no roads anywhere.

Rebecca Jane Steel, *née* Dolohan, was the only daughter of Daniel Ryan and Elizabeth (Morris) Dolohan, and was born in Pike county, Ohio, May 28, 1835. Her father, the only son of Michael and Rebecca (Ryan) Dolohan, came from Ireland, his native country, to America when fourteen years of age, married a native of Virginia, and resided in that State a long time. Elizabeth Dolohan, *nee'* Morris, was born in Ross county, Ohio. Her mother, whose maiden name was Phebe Rodgers, was also a native of Ross county.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Biszantz are Jessie, who died in infancy; Jacob Frederick and Anna Mary. Mr. and Mrs. Biszantz are worthy and active church members, and are highly esteemed members of the community in which they have lived so long.

WALTER HENRY HOWSON, deceased, a prominent citizen of Chillicothe, was born in Sheffield, England, April 1, 1845, a son of Henry and Sarah (Bagshaw) Howson, who emigrated to America in 1848, locating at Columbus, Ohio. Here the subject of this sketch attended the city schools until thirteen years of age, when he came to Chillicothe.

October 25, 1861, when in his seventeenth year, he enlisted for three years in the service of the Union, in Company C, Seventy-third Regiment Ohio Volunteer Infantry; was appointed Corporal July 1, 1864, and mustered out with his regiment December 30, 1864, when he re-enlisted and served with credit to the end of the war. During service he took part in the battle of McDowell, Virginia, May 8, 1862; Cross Keys, same State, June 8, under General Fremont; Cedar Mountain, that State, August 9; Freeman's Ford, August 23 to 25; Bull Run (second battle), August 30, under General Sigel; Chancellorsville, May 1 to 4, 1863, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, July 1 to 3, same year, under General Howard; Lookout Valley, Tennessee, October 29, and Missionary Ridge, same day; Resaca, Georgia, May 13 to 16, 1864; New Hope Church, Georgia, May 25 to June 4, same year; Peach Tree Creek, Georgia, July 20, under General Hooker; the siege of Atlanta, July 28 to September 2, under General Sherman.

In May, 1864, he suffered a sunstroke and was reported unfit for duty. He remained in the hospital, however, but a short time, reported to his colonel, and at his earnest appeal was given guard duty, which he maintained for seventeen days when he should have been in the hospital. In November, 1864, he was given a place in the topographical corps of engineers and assigned to the Third Division of the Twentieth Army Corps, and continued in this capacity through the famous "march to the sea." He was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, in July, 1865.

In 1866, after his return to Chillicothe, he was taken with malarial fever, from the effects of which he never recovered. Soon after his discharge from the army his natural thirst for knowledge returned and for several years he studied French and German under the instructions of a private tutor, Mrs. Dr. Kern. He became a great reader, and previous to his death which occurred March 7, 1894, he was the possessor of the most extensive library in Ross county. His extensive studies matured a love of travel, and in 1870 he took a trip to Europe, remaining six months. In the spring of 1871, in company with James S. Thatcher, who afterward became his brother-in-law, he went to Texas and remained there one year, in surveying the route for the Atlantic & Pacific Railway, making Dallas, then a small town, his base of operation. On the completion of the work Mr. Thatcher settled there and became prominently identified with the city of Dallas, rising, previous to 1884, to the position of City Engineer.

About this time Mr. Howson received a call from Ed Lewis, proprietor of the Clinton House drug store in Chillicothe, asking him to return and take charge of his drug business. He accepted the position and succeeded so well that he purchased the store in January, 1874, which he continued to run until his death, March 7, 1894.

He was at one time a prominent Freemason and Knight Templar; was admitted

to the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1875, and to the Ohio State Pharmaceutical Association in 1882.

In July, 1874, he was united in matrimony with Virginia S. Thatcher, third daughter of Nathaniel W. Thatcher and Sarah B., *neé* Swearingen: Mr. Thatcher was a native of New London, Connecticut. Mrs. Thatcher was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, July 15, 1819, of a long line of ancestry dating back to the early settlements on the Delaware river. The name was originally van Sweringen. The progenitor of the more numerous race of Swearingens in America was Geret van Sweringen, born in Bemsterdam, Holland, in 1636, the younger of two children in a noble family. He had a liberal education, and as a young man performed responsible services for the Dutch West India Company. In 1656 he was given charge of a cargo of supplies and emigrants sent by this company in the ship Prince Maurice for the Dutch colony on the Delaware river in America. He afterward held offices of trust in the Dutch colonies until their surrender to the British in 1664. It is said that he then broke his sword across his knee publicly, and threw the pieces right and left, renouncing further allegiance to the Dutch authorities. Soon after the surrender he removed to Maryland, where, in April, 1669, he and his wife Barbara de Barrette, a native of Valenciennes, France, together with their two children, Elizabeth and Zacharias, were, on petition to Lord Baltimore, naturalized by act of the General Assembly held at St. Mary's in the province of Maryland. His son Zacharias married and raised four sons—Thomas, Van, John and Samuel. It was doubtless due to Zacharias that the prefix "van" was dropped and an *a* inserted in the name, naming one of his own sons Van, and thus preserving the distinction to some extent.

Of these four sons, Thomas, born in Maryland in 1688, and his wife Lydia, born in 1691, emigrated to Virginia in 1734, settling near Shepherdstown, on the Potomac. Their children were Thomas and Van. The latter married his first cousin, Sarah, daughter of his uncle Van. His eldest son, Josiah Swearingen, born in Virginia in 1744, married Phoebe Strode, daughter of James Strode, a wealthy land-owner in Berkeley county, Virginia. On her mother's side she descended from Edward Strode, of Devonshire, England, whose ancestors were established in that country in 1066, at the time of the conquest by William I. Josiah served as Captain under Lord Dunsmore in the Indian wars of 1774. His eldest daughter, Eleanor, became the wife of Thomas Worthington, who afterward became the fourth Governor of Ohio. She was a young woman of fine intellectual endowments, improved by careful culture, but withal was capable of bearing hardships for the sake of principle. A monument erected to the memory of herself and husband in Grand View cemetery, Chillicothe, informs us that she removed to the wilderness of Ohio from Virginia, with her husband, for the purpose of freeing their slaves.

The second son of Josiah Swearingen, named James Strode, was born in Virginia, February 3, 1782, removed to Chillicothe in 1799, was appointed Ensign of the army in 1800, and in 1810 made the trip through the wilderness to Detroit, on horseback, accompanied by a guide. A "Family Historical Register," compiled by a member of the Swearingen family, to which we are indebted for a knowledge of the Swearingens, gives an extended account of the services

rendered by Col. James Strode Swearingen, among which was his assistance in building Fort Dearborn (Chicago). His wife was his cousin, Nancy Bedinger, daughter of Henry Bedinger, a Major on the staff of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, who located the land near Circleville, Ohio, known as Bedinger's survey. To this land belongs the distinction of having never been bought or sold. It was given to Colonel Swearingen soon after his marriage, and is now in the possession of his eldest child, Henry B. Swearingen. Colonel Swearingen was a member of the Episcopalian Church from boyhood, and of the Masonic fraternity for over sixty years. He died February 3, 1864,—his eighty-second birthday. His children were Henry B., Eleanor, Sarah B., Virginia, James and Nancy C. Sarah B. became Mrs. N. W. Thatcher, the mother of Virginia S. (Thatcher) Howson, the wife of the subject of this sketch. Their children are: John Harold, who graduated in 1894 at Lexington (Virginia) Military Institute; the twins, James A. and Walter; and Charles.

F. H. DUNN, the leading druggist of Bainbridge, Ohio, is a popular and successful business man.

He was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, November 12, 1852, a son of Thomas Dunn, also a native of Erie. Thomas Dunn had charge of the Erie County Infirmary for several years. He emigrated to Illinois in the spring of 1869, and settled in Warren county, where also he had charge of the County Infirmary. Subsequently he came to Ohio, and finally died here, at the home of his son, F. H., at the ripe old age of eighty years. He married Mary McKay, also a native of Erie, and a daughter of Colonel McKay, and she died at the age of fifty years, leaving eight children, including three pairs of twins; five of the eight are still living.

Mr. F. H. Dunn received his early education in the district school of the neighborhood in which his father lived, and afterward attended the academy at Monmouth, Illinois. In the spring of 1869 he went to Bastrop county, Texas, and while he was in Texas he attended a military institute and learned the tactics of war. Afterward he settled on a plantation, and also engaged in the lumber business to some extent while there. In 1872 he came to Ohio, settling in Hillsborough, where he spent about two years in the drug business. From there he came to his present location in Bainbridge, where he has ever since conducted a drug store; and here also he has taken an active part in public affairs. He is Corporation and Township Treasurer and Treasurer of the School Board, having been elected on the Democratic ticket in a district that is largely Republican.

In 1878 he married Miss Lottie M. Lindley, a native of Athens county, Ohio.

DAVID DUNBAR, one of the respected citizens of Manchester, Ohio, has for years been a prominent factor in the town, and it is fitting that some personal mention be made of him in this work; indeed, without a sketch of his life this work would be incomplete.

David Dunbar was born in West Union, Adams county, Ohio, February 4, 1820, his parents being Hamilton and Delilah (Sparks) Dunbar. Andrew Dunbar, grandfather of our subject, moved from Winchester, Vir-

David Dunbar

ginia, and settled in Lewis county, Kentucky, about the year 1794. He ran a large canoe on the Ohio river, trading at the different points between the mouth of the Scioto river and Maysville, and one dark night his boat capsized and all his goods were lost, and he himself, while trying to swim to the Kentucky shore, was drowned. Andrew Dunbar was married at Winchester, Virginia, and his children were as follows: Andrew, a saddler by trade, died at Leesburg, Highland county, Ohio, in 1833, leaving a family of three sons and five daughters; Hamilton; William, a farmer of Liberty, Indiana, died many years ago, leaving a family of four sons and two daughters; James, first a merchant and afterward a farmer, reared a family of three sons and three daughters, and died in 1841, in Adams county, Ohio; Debora married Erastus Dewey, a farmer of Ross county, Ohio, and had two sons and two daughters; Sarah, wife of a Mr. Art, of Fleming county, Kentucky, had one son; Grace, wife of John Bylew, died in Mason county, Illinois, some time in the fifties, leaving several children; Ann, wife of John Schultz, Battle Ground, Indiana, died recently at the age of eighty years, leaving an only child, Dr. John Schultz of Peru, Indiana.

Hamilton Dunbar, the father of our subject, was born in Winchester, Virginia, August 28, 1782, and died at West Union, Ohio, of Asiatic cholera, June 28, 1835. At the time his father was drowned in the Ohio river, Hamilton Dunbar was living at home on the farm near Concord, Kentucky, and, being one of the older children, a large portion of the care of the family fell upon him. Some time later they moved to Adams county, Ohio, where he learned the trade of carpenter. He worked at his trade in Adams and adjoining counties, especially Lawrence, for a number of years. He entered a tract of Government land, secured title to the same, and subsequently sold it. This land is now owned by John Spohn. At West Union, Ohio, January 14, 1808, Hamilton Dunbar married Delilah Sparks, who was born in western Pennsylvania, January 1, 1792, daughter of Salathæl Sparks. She died August 14, 1828, at West Union, and her remains rest beside those of her husband in the cemetery at that town. Of her people, be it recorded that her only sister, Ann, married a Mr. Johnson, an Indiana farmer; that her brother, John Sparks, a prominent business man of West Union, died there in 1847, leaving two children, one of whom is now Mrs. Mary Jane McCauseland; that George Sparks, another brother, also a prominent merchant of West Union, died there in 1842, leaving two sons, Salathæl and George; and that her youngest brother, Salathæl Sparks, who followed boating on the lower Mississippi, died at West Union, Ohio, in 1830, leaving an only child that died when young. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Dunbar are as follows: John Collins, born December 8, 1808, died January 29, 1809; Ann, born November 21, became the wife of Peter Bryant, a Kentucky farmer, July 16, 1837, and died July 19, 1894, leaving two children, Bailey and America, both now deceased; Gracy, born December 6, 1812, became the wife of David Murray, publisher and editor, April 22, 1829, and died in Georgetown, Kentucky, April 25, 1833, her children, a son and daughter, both being deceased, the former dying in early manhood and the latter in infancy; Nancy Agnese, born August 27, 1815, was married April 3, 1838, to

John L. Cox, and is now a widow living with her daughter Maggie at Abilene, Kansas, her children being Mrs. Ann Thomas, William Henry, George Dunbar, Mrs. Maggie Mahan and John; J. William Willson, born November 16, 1817, is a harness maker at Locust Grove, Ohio, and was married in April, 1836, to Mary Ann Harover, their children being John Sparks, Eliza Hamilton (deceased), Mrs. Alice Arnold, Mrs. Celia Seaman and Mrs. Rosie Chenowith; David, whose name heads this article; George Franklin, born August 3, 1822, was married July 28, 1842, to Catharine McKinney, was a jeweler by trade, and died without issue July 13, 1872, at Ripley, Ohio; Johannah, born July 4, 1824, became the wife of Jesse Fristoe, a farmer and tobacco trader, in 1843, and died at Manchester, May 10, 1866, their children being Richard Hamilton, Barnett and Mrs. Florence Kircheval; and John Sparks, born December 6, 1827, was a tailor by trade and was engaged in that business in Sigourney, Keokuk county, Iowa, at the time of his death, June 14, 1886, he and his wife, *nee* Lucy Dudley, whom he married March 2, 1850, being the parents of five children: David, Kate, Lizzie, Fred and Charlie.

As stated above, Hamilton Dunbar died of cholera. He was the first victim of that dread disease in this part of the State. He had attended a quarterly meeting of the Methodist Church on Saturday and died the next morning at 4 o'clock. On that same Sunday and during the few days which followed more than a dozen persons died of cholera at West Union.

David Dunbar was deprived of a mother's loving care when he was eight years old. The family was kept together, however, the older girls attending to the household affairs, and David remained a member of the home circle until April, 1832, when he went to Lawrence county, and entered upon an apprenticeship to the trade of tea-kettle moulder. The employer, however, failed the come up to his part of the contract, and, after remaining six months, young Dunbar began work in the Aetna Furnace and still later in the Union Furnace, the latter being owned by John Sparks, his uncle, and Thomas W. Means. Mr. Dunbar became proficient as a moulder and made good wages for those days, but after four year's experience in the moulding business he concluded that he could not make it a life calling as in many ways the work was disagreeable to him. Accordingly in February, 1837, he entered the employ of Benjamin Vener, a saddler of Aberdeen, Ohio. In July, 1838, he accompanied his employer to Shelbyville, Missouri, but returned in April of the following year to Aberdeen and secured employment in the shop of William Lokey. He afterward worked for E. B. Kelly, in the same town, and from October 1, 1840, until April, 1841, was employed at Concord, Kentucky. In May of the latter year he opened a shop of his own at Clayton, Adams county, Ohio, where he remained till 1844. While there he served one year as Constable of the township. May 1, 1844, he returned to Aberdeen, where he worked for wages until the following September, when he and his brother opened a saddler shop in West Union, which, however, they closed out soon afterward. December 5, 1844, he came to Manchester and became associated with John W. Coppel, the firm name of Coppel & Dunbar continuing until February, 1846, when the firm was dissolved by mutual consent. Mr. Dunbar then took in M. V.

Crapper as partner, and together they built the first wharf boat at Manchester. This was one of the important events in the history of the town, as it drew trade and made it a shipping point. He retained his interest in the boat for three years, at the end of that time selling out to his partner. Then he opened a saddlery business in Manchester, which he conducted until a few months after his present grocery business was established.

The grocery business, which is conducted under the name of David Dunbar, was established August 15, 1851, in a house located on Front street, and now owned by L. P. Strivers. In October, 1866, he moved to Pike street, which street at that time was unnamed. Mr. Dunbar, one day having occasion to speak of the street, called it Pike street, because the pike, then building, would terminate on it, and it has never been known by any other name. In March, 1877, he bought the property in which his business is now located, and has since occupied it, meeting with signal success in his business operations. The great floods of 1883 and 1884 damaged him considerably. In addition to his other business, Mr. Dunbar developed a large insurance and loan agency. This he turned over to his son, who has managed it since 1881. Mr. Dunbar was one of the original stockholders in the Manchester Bank, and is now a director in that institution. He was appointed Postmaster of Manchester in October, 1855, and held the office till 1866. In May, 1858, he was elected Justice of the Peace, and served thirteen consecutive years; and since October, 1848, has been a Notary Public.

Mr. Dunbar was married September 12, 1848, to Nancy Jane Dougherty, daughter of Samuel and Margaret (McClelland) Dougherty. Her father came from Geneva, Pennsylvania, to Adams county, Ohio, at an early day, and in 1805 was there married to her mother. The children of Mr. and Mrs. David Dunbar are as follows: John Kenton, born July 5, 1849, was married March 21, 1882, to Margaret Lewis, of Circleville, Ohio, and they have one child, Cary Jane, born October 7, 1883. Mr. John K. Dunbar is now employed in his father's store, and is the son referred to above. The second child, Cornelia Ann, was born May 6, 1851, and is the wife of Marion Francis Chrissman, of Manchester. Mary Frank and Emma Moore reside with their parents in Manchester. The youngest child, David Minor, born February 20, 1870, died November 9, 1877.

Mr. Dunbar first identified himself with the Masonic order May 1, 1846, at that time joining Confidence Lodge, No. 52, at Maysville, Kentucky. He received the degrees of Royal Arch and Knight Templar, August 3, 1871; Knight of Malta, February 4, 1875. He has been Secretary of Chapter No. 129, of Manchester, for the past twenty-three years; and is now a member of Maysville (Kentucky) Commandery, No. 10. When but twenty-two years of age he professed Christianity, and in February, 1842, joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1869 he removed his membership to Manchester, where he is still an active and zealous worker in the Methodist Protestant Church.

JOHN F. DUNLAP, a wealthy farmer of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, dates his birth in Union township, same county, June 2, 1833. James Dunlap, his father, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1809, and

died in 1881. He was the son of John Dunlap, also a native of the Old Dominion, who also emigrated to Ohio, at a very early day, and purchased a tract of land in Union township, Ross county, which he cleared and improved, and on which he spent the rest of his life, being over eighty years of age at the time of his death. James Dunlap was the second-born of a family of six children, and was about eighteen years old when he came with his father to the wilds of Ohio. He passed his life in Union township, engaged in agricultural pursuits, and died at the age of seventy-two years. He married Nancy Vines, also a Virginian, who came to Ohio with the Dunlap family; and her death, at an advanced age, occurred some years ago. Lorenzo Dow Dunlap, a brother of James, and named after the noted pioneer Methodist preacher, was born in 1817, in Rockbridge county, Virginia, came with his parents to Ohio in 1824, settling on the farm where his death recently occurred, and bought land in conjunction with Major Dunlap, and in time amassed a landed estate worth about $125,000. He was a man, who, though eccentric in some ways, made many friends throughout the country by his good nature and odd humor.

John F. Dunlap, the eldest of the five children of his parents,—four of whom are still living,—received his elementary education in the primitive log school-house and at South Salem, supplemented by a short term at Frankfort. Soon after he became of age he taught a term of school. For about nine years he was engaged in farming in Deerfield township, and since then he has carried on farming operations in Concord township, in the valley of the north fork of Paint creek. Here he owns 429 acres of choice farming land, and besides this has an interest in some other farms. His political views are in accord with Democratic principles.

He is still unmarried.

WILLIAM DILL, who has for many years been prominently identified with the farming interests of Ross county, Ohio, is now living retired in Bainbridge. Some personal mention of him is appropriate in this work.

William Dill was born in Paxton township, Ross county, Ohio, October 18, 1818. Robert Dill, his father, who was born and reared near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio about 1801. He, however, lived at Lexington, Kentucky, for two years preceding his arrival in Ohio. Upon his arrival here he purchased 1,200 acres of land in the Paint Creek valley, and his cabin was one among the first erected in this vicinity. The Indians were not infrequent visitors at his frontier home and game of all kinds was plenty all around him. To the clearing and improving of his land he devoted many years of labor, and on this place he died in 1839. Previous to his death he sold off a portion of the original tract. It was not until after he had located permanently in Ohio that he took to himself a life partner. Returning to Pennsylvania, he married Anna Greggory, a native of the Keystone State, whom he brought back with him. Her death preceded his. They had ten children, all of whom lived to maturity and three still survive, and these three are widely separated. Armstrong is a resident of California, and Jane, wife of A. R. Seymour, lives near Champaign, Illinois.

William Dill was born in the stone house,

built by his father on the old Dill homestead in the Paint Creek valley. His educational advantages were limited, as he was rarely able to attend school more than three months during the year, and the schools of those days were far inferior to the ones the young people of to-day enjoy. He remained on the home farm until he was perhaps twenty years old, when he and his three brothers, Robert, Richard and Walter, purchased the place and conducted the farming operations in partnership.

March 6, 1850, Mr. Dill married Mary W. Kelley, a native of Bainbridge, Ohio. Her father, Elisha Kelley, was one of the first settlers in Bainbridge. He reared a large family and lived to be eighty years old. By trade he was a blacksmith. Mrs. Dill was an invalid for several years during the latter part of her life, and finally died March 10, 1893. She left eight children, Elisha, Frank, William, Lewis, Robert, Edward, Maggie and Ella. Three years previous to her death Mr. Dill retired from the farm and moved to Bainbridge, where he still resides. He still, however, owns his farm, a tract of about 700 acres.

Mr. Dill's political views are in accord with Republican principles, and in local affairs he has always taken a deep interest. He has all his life been a follower of Swedenborg in his religious belief. Mrs. Dill was a Methodist.

ALBERT C. PETERSON is one of the wealthy and influential farmers of Ross county. His farm lies in the valley of the north fork of Paint creek, Concord township.

Albert C. Peterson was born in Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, December 14, 1836. His father, Col. Martin Peterson, was a native of Hardy county, Virginia, born in 1795, son of John Peterson, also a native of the Old Dominion. John Peterson emigrated from Hardy county to Ohio, and arrived in Concord township October 18, 1806, being among the earliest settlers of this place. He was a blacksmith and gunsmith by trade. Upon his arrival here he purchased a tract of land, built a log house and settled down to the work of clearing and developing a farm. A hewed-log house succeeded the original cabin. In 1817, Grandfather Peterson left this place in the hands of his son, Martin, and moved to Greene county, Ohio.

Colonel Martin Peterson spent his whole life engaged in farming in Concord township. Like his father, he was a fine mechanic, and, in connection with his farming operations, he also ran a blacksmith and wagon shop. He served in the war of 1812, going out under the general call, and was Colonel of a company of home militia in training days. In 1817 he married Elizabeth Coyner, who was born in Augusta county, Virginia, in 1796. To them were born seven children, five of whom are still living. Albert C. was the only son. In 1832, near the site of the old log-house, Colonel Peterson built a brick residence which is still standing, it having been remodeled and considerably enlarged by Albert C. Peterson in 1888. Martin Peterson died at his home in 1868, aged seventy-three years, and leaving a large estate to his heirs. Elizabeth, his wife, survived him a number of years, dying in 1888, aged ninety-two years.

Albert C. Peterson has spent his whole life on the old homestead. October 2, 1861, he married Phebe Hopkins, daughter of

Jeremiah Hopkins, a prominent resident of Fayette county, Ohio. They have four children,—Carrie, M. Luther, Russell and Etta. The children have all had excellent educational advantages, quite a contrast to the schooling their father received, his education being limited to that received in the log school-house near his home. M. Luther graduated at the Washington Court House high school in 1885, and at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, in 1889. After teaching music two years, he went to Europe and at Berlin and London spent one year under some of the most noted educators. Since his return he has been teaching, principally in the South. Russell, the second son, spent two years at the State University, at Columbus, Ohio, taking agricultural studies. In the spring of 1894 he was married and he has a charming home on the farm, not far from the parental home. Mr. Peterson's career as a farmer has been one of marked success. He takes a just pride in surveying his broad acres, and in caring for his fine stock. His farm comprises about 600 acres, and his is one of the most delightful rural homes in all the country round. Politically, he is a Republican.

ALBERT RAUB, dealer in grain, coal, lumber, etc., Kingston, Ohio, is a man of more than ordinary business enterprise and push, and is well known throughout the Scioto valley.

Mr. Raub was born in Pickaway county, Ohio, March 13, 1841, son of William Raub and grandson of Henry Raub, both natives of the Keystone State. Henry Raub was one of the early pioneers of the Scioto valley, where he cleared and improved a farm, and where he lived to be about eighty years old. He brought his family to this State by wagon, endured all the hardships and privations incident to life on the frontier, and during the war of 1812 was one of the brave soldiers who went out in defence of his country. William Raub was one of a family of twelve children, and was reared and passed his life in Pickaway county, where he died at the age of sixty-six years. He was identified with the Presbyterian Church nearly all his life, and was one of the men whose sterling character gave tone to the community in which he lived. His wife was also an active member of the Presbyterian Church. Her maiden name was Maurice H. Bell, and she, too, was a native of Pennsylvania, born in Berks county. She came to Ohio with her parents at an early day, and died here in 1885, aged seventy-five. William Raub also had a family of twelve children, the subject of our sketch being the eldest of the six sons who are still living.

Albert Raub was born and reared in the log cabin his father built, and his early schooling was received in a log schoolhouse. Subsequently he attended school in Kingston. His father dying when Albert was fifteen, the duties of the farm devolved upon him and he at once took charge of it. Afterward he bought out the other heirs to the old homestead and for some time continued to reside there. He now owns two farms, his home place, comprising thirty-eight acres, and another farm of 150 acres in Pickaway county, and aside from his farming operations he is interested in various other enterprises. He is a stockholder and director in the Kingston Tile Company, which does an extensive business, manufacturing tile the year round and drying the

same by steam. He owns an elevator, coal yard and lumber yard, and buys all kinds of grains and deals extensively in coal and lumber. He also owns and operates a sawmill and steam thresher, threshing both wheat and clover. In 1891 he bought and sold 330 tons of pumpkins, and he annually handles several thousand bushels of potatoes. He is a stockholder and vice president of the Kingston Building and Loan Association. Mr. Raub began his business career with limited means, and the success that has attended his efforts is due wholly to his good judgment and his persistent energy. He is, in the expression of the day, a hustler.

In 1862, Mr. Raub was married to Miss Emma May, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and they have four children, Flora B., William, Oliver and Charles. All are at home except Oliver, who is married and settled in life. He is an inspector in the United States Navy Yards at Portsmouth, Virginia.

For more than thirty years Mr. Raub has been identified with the Masonic fraternity. He is also a member of the I. O. O. F., and, politically, is a Republican. Both he and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HON. S. S. WOLF, a well-known citizen and successful business man of Adelphi, Ross county, Ohio, forms the subject of this sketch.

He was born in Madison township, Fairfield county, Ohio, December 20, 1829, son of Ezra and Barbara (Spangler) Wolf, the former a native of Maryland, and the latter of Ohio. Ezra Wolf was about nine years old when he came with his parents from Maryland to Ohio, and settled in Fairfield county among its earliest pioneers. His father, Valentine Wolf, a blacksmith by trade, lived to the age of seventy-five years, and Ezra Wolf was also seventy-five when he died. The latter spent his whole life engaged in farming in Fairfield county. Of our subject's maternal ancestors, be it recorded that his grandfather, Col. Samuel Spangler, was a native of Pennsylvania, and was a cabinetmaker by trade. He emigrated to Ohio at an early day and became prominently identified with the pioneer settlement in this part of the State. He was famed far and near for his success as a hunter. His unerring bullet brought down many a deer. He entered the service as a Captain in the war of 1812, and was promoted to the rank of Colonel. For nine years he was a member of the Ohio State Legislature, representing Fairfield county, and following that service he was for ten years in the Senate. Thus for a period of nineteen years he occupied a position in the highest legislative bodies in the country, performing his every duty with the strictest fidelity, rendering entire satisfaction to his constituents and reflecting credit on himself. He come within one vote of securing the nomination for Governor of Ohio, on the Democratic ticket. He had passed his eightieth mile-post some time before his death. In his family, which was composed of three daughters, Barbara, the mother of our subject, was the oldest. She died in middle life, leaving a family of twelve children, S. S. being the oldest and one of the six who are still living.

It was in a log cabin on his father's pioneer farm that the subject of our sketch was born, and in the district school, taught in a log school-house, he received his early training. At the age of eighteen he began teach-

ing school, being thus employed for seven consecutive terms. When he was twenty-one he became a farmer, teachingduring the winter and cultivating his land during the summer. In 1851 he moved to Hocking county and bought a farm, where he carried on agricultural pursuits until about ten years ago, at that time retiring from the farm and taking up his abode in Adelphi. Here he has since been engaged in the drug business. He has from time to time invested largely in real estate, having owned large tracts of land throughout this section of the country. Of recent years, however, he has divided much of his land among his children, and for himself retains only 567 acres.

Mr. Wolf was married in 1851 to Miss Mary A. Fetheroff, who died about two years later. In 1856 he married Eliza Jane Miller, a native of Fairfield county, Ohio. They became the parents of four children, Samuel, Thomas, Mary, and Ida, one of whom—Mary—is deceased.

Mr. Wolf has for a number of years taken an active part in political affairs, affiliating with the Democratic party. He has held various local positions, such as Justice of the Peace, etc., and in the fall of 1879 was elected to the State Legislature from Hocking county. He was re-elected to the same office, which he filled two consecutive terms, and during this time served on various important committees. At this writing he is postmaster of Adelphi.

During the war Mr. Wolf drilled a company of State Militia, and later, a regiment, of which he was made Colonel. He was called out during Morgan's raid, and his regiment disbanded at Logan, Ohio, their service not being required.

Mr. Wolf and his wife are both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

NELSON HALL, who owns a fine farm of 195 acres in the Maple Swamp valley, Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, is one of the enterprising and industrious farmers of the township.

Mr. Hall was born here, April 18, 1853, son of Henry Hall, who was born in Pennsylvania, August 12, 1810. Soon after the birth of Henry Hall, his father, John Hall, also a native of Pennsylvania, emigrated to Ohio, landing in Colerain township, Ross county, in the fall of 1810. Upon his arrival here he purchased land and built a cabin, and for some time a large stump served as the family dining table. Game of all kinds was plenty, and during their early settlement here they experienced no little difficulty in protecting their sheep from the wolves, often having to build brush heaps and set them on fire to frighten the wolves away. The senior Mr. Hall cleared and improved his farm, and died here at a ripe old age. Henry Hall was one of a family of seven children. He grew up on his father's farm, and remained on it until 1881, when he moved to Hallsville and retired from active life, dying in February, 1888. He was twice married. His first wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Leosure, was a native of Virginia. She died in 1885, leaving a family of seven children, Nelson being the sixth born. All of this number, with one exception, are still living. Both parents were devoted members of the United Brethren Church.

Nelson Hall, with exception of about two years, has spent his whole life at the old Hall homestead, having purchased the place since his father's death. He was married in 1882 to Catherine Miller, a native of this county, and a daughter of

Joshua Miller, of Harrison township. They have had four children, two of whom died in infancy. Those living are Alice and Clarence.

He is a Republican, and has filled several local offices.

THOMAS DOWNS, a successful farmer of Green township, was born in Springfield township, Ross county, Ohio, February 5, 1843, a son of John Downs, who was born on the boat while his parents were *en route* from Virginia to Ohio. His father, William Downs, came to this State in 1799, going by boat from Virginia to Portsmouth, and was then obliged to cut his way through forests to Chillicothe. He was one of the first settlers in the county, and his death occurred at the age of sixty-eight years. John Downs, one of fifteen children, located on a farm in Springfield township in an early day, afterward spent five years in Pickaway county, and then returned to Springfield township, where he died in 1852, at the age of fifty-three years. He married Elizabeth Smith, a native of Virginia, whose parents emigrated to Ohio in an early day. Her death occurred at the age of fifty-eight years. Both Mr. and Mrs. Downs were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Thomas Downs, one of the eleven children, and the youngest of the three now living, was early inured to farm labor, and received a district-school education. At the age of twelve years he began work at $12 per month, and during that time also attended school in the winter months. He afterward farmed on the shares for seventeen years, after which he bought his present place of 110 acres, all fine agricultural land. Mr. Downs has made what he now owns by his own exertions.

In 1870 he was united in marriage with Amanda Moore, a native of Ohio. They have three children,—Carrie, Hattie May and Edward. Mr. and Mrs. Downs are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Kingston. In political matters Mr. Downs votes with the Republican party.

ABRAHAM HOLMAN, a wealthy and prominent farmer of Ross county, was born in Green township, this county, January 15, 1818, a son of John Holman, a native of Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Martin Holman, also a native of Pennsylvania, came to Ohio in a very early day, and his death occurred in Brown county, this State, at a ripe old age. John Holman, a tanner by trade, came to Ohio about 1812, and purchased twenty acres of land in Green township, where he erected a tannery. He subsequently purchased more land, and became one of the wealthy and successful men in his county. Mr. Holman had the reputation of being one of the very few enterprising, wide-awake, early settlers. In an early day he frequently freighted goods on flatboats, etc., to New Orleans. At one time he held the office of Justice of the Peace. He married Christina Eferstone, a native of Ohio, her father having come to this State from Pennsylvania. Mr. and Mrs. Holman were the parents of twelve children, our subject being the second in order of birth, all of whom grew to years of maturity, and seven are now living. John Holman died at the age of seventy-six years, and his wife at the age of fifty-eight.

Abraham Holman was born in the log house built by his father, and received his education in the subscription schools. In his early life he assisted his father in the tannery and in clearing the farm; at the age of twenty yeara entered into partnership with his father in the tannery business, and about four years afterward became sole proprietor. He was connected with that occupation about fifty years, or until about five years ago, when he rented the tannery. After his father's death he came into possession of the old Holman homestead, where he has since been engaged in farming and stock-raising. The place contains 230 acres of land, 192 acres of which are located near Kingston, and he has also sold a part of the farm.

In 1843 Mr. Holman was united in marriage with Leah Dresbach, a native of Ross county, and a daughter of Martin Dresbach, who came to Ohio in an early day, and followed farming in this county. To this union were born nine children—Austin (deceased), John, Lucretia (deceased), Martha (deceased), Flora, Etta, Ella, James, and Ollie. The wife and mother died in 1876.

Mr. Holman has been a Republican since the organization of that party, and cast his first presidential vote for Gen. Harrison, in 1840. Mrs. Holman was a member of the United Brethren Church.

SAMUEL REEDY, one of the leading farmers of Ross county, was born in the house where he still resides, in Green township, October 27, 1821, a son of John Reedy, a native of Pennsylvania. The grandfather, Jacob Reedy, was also reared in Pennsylvania, but subsequently came to Ross county, and entered a section of land in Green township. He afterward returned to Pennsylvania and died there. John Reedy came to Ohio in 1806, settling on a part of the land which his father had entered. The section was divided between four sons, but all did not care to make their home here. Mr. Reedy built a log house, cleared and improved his farm, and his death occurred here, at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. Reedy was a member of the German Reformed Church, and assisted in building their house of worship; he also gave liberally of his means to the Heidelberg College, an institution belonging to the church. The mother of our subject, *née* Sarah Miller, was born in Ohio, her family having been among the first settlers in this State. She died at a ripe old age, and was also a member of the German Reformed Church. Mr. and Mrs. Reedy had eleven children, five now living, namely: Joseph, a retired farmer of Hallsville, Ross county; Samuel, the subject of this sketch; Amos, a farmer in Macon county, Illinois; John, engaged in the same occupation in Labette county, Kansas; and Sarah Ann, wife of Henry Hickle, a farmer in Green township.

Samuel Reedy was reared on the farm where he now lives. At the age of twenty-seven years he began work for himself, having lived on a part of his father's farm until 1863, when, after his father's death, he purchased the entire homestead, and has since lived here. He owns 104 acres of land, located in the Kinnikinnick valley, nearly all of which is cleared and under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Reedy was married in 1848 to Maria Goodman, a daughter of Samuel Goodman, whose father settled in Green township, in

1797. To this union were born ten children, namely: Josephus, Samuel, William, Rose, Sarah, Jane, Otis (deceased), Lewis and Clifton. Clifton graduated at the Kingstown high school, and also completed the scientific course at Heidelberg College, in June, 1893. He has taught school two years. The wife and mother departed this life April 8, 1893, having been a consistent member of the Reformed Church. Mr. Reedy has also been a member of that denomination for fifty years, in which he held the position of Deacon for several years, and since then has served as Elder. In political matters, he acts with the Democratic party.

WEDEN KELLEY ORR, proprietor of the Scioto Valley Stock Farm, situated in Green township, Ross county, is a native of the State of Ohio, born near Chillicothe, April 16, 1863.

His father, Jeremiah Orr, was born in Springfield township, Ross county, Ohio, November 22, 1825, a son of Thomas Orr, a native of Virginia. The paternal great grandfather, was born near Belfast, Ireland, a brother of William Orr, a distinguished Irish patriot. He emigrated to the United States about 1787, and settled in South Carolina, where he accumulated a considerable amount of property. On account of ill health he was obliged to remove to Virginia, where he taught school for several years. He removed to Ohio about 1796, and settled in Ross county, where he died in 1802. His wife died in 1806; she was a Scotch woman, possessing a superior education. They reared four children, of whom Thomas Orr was the youngest. He was a farmer by occupation, and also was extensively engaged in teaming. He died in 1855, in the seventy-third year of his age. He was twice married. His first wife, *neé* Rebecca Alexander, died in 1811, leaving one son, James, now a resident of Madison county, Iowa. The second marriage was to Mary Jones, of New Jersey, descended from Welsh ancestors. She came to Ohio about 1804, and died at the age of eighty years, the mother of eleven children, ten of whom are living; the eldest is eighty years old, and the youngest sixty-five. Jeremiah Orr received his education in the district schools, and with the meagre facilities afforded fitted himself for teaching. He was reared to the occupation of farming, and before he had attained his majority cultivated his father's farm on the shares system. Eventually he settled in Springfield township, but in later years removed to Green township. He owns the Scioto Stock Farm, but is retired from the active management of this place, and resides in Kingston.

He was united in marriage November 22, 1853, to Miss Naomi Kelley, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, a member of one of the pioneer families. Three children were born to this union: Harriet, wife of Fred Ellis, Mary, wife of James Spence, and Weden K. Mr. Orr was a soldier in the late civil war, enlisting in Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, participated in some important engagements, and was mustered out at the expiration of his term of service. For fifty-three years he has been a staunch member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, while his wife is a member of the Society of Friends.

Weden K. Orr, son of Jeremiah Orr, attended the district school until ten years of age, and at the age of fourteen had com-

pleted the academic course at Kingston. At the age of eighteen he graduated with the honors of the class at the National Normal University at Lebanon, Ohio, receiving the degree of B. S. He afterward pursued his studies at Cleveland, Ohio, and in the University of Michigan, giving special attention to oratory and botany.

In 1882 he located on the old home farm, and at once turned his energies toward the breeding of high grades of live stock. Visiting several of the celebrated stock farms of the East, he selected a fine herd of Holstein cattle. His love of good horses led him to purchase a half sister of Kittie Beard, 2:12, which he afterward sold for $2,550 in Cleveland. In 1887 he purchased a son of Bayard and also bought some fine-bred horses in Kentucky. He now has some excellent specimens of standard-bred horses, and also exhibits some fine members of the Holstein-Friesian and Jersey families. He has some good Poland-China hogs, and his poultry-yard boasts of twelve varieties of fowl. The Scioto Valley Stock Farm contains 450 acres of rich, fertile land, every rod of which is susceptible of cultivation. It is watered by eight living springs that yield an abundance of water for all purposes. Mr. Orr conducts all branches of agriculture upon a scientific basis and therefore secures the best possible results. He has traveled widely and is in touch with all the progressive methods of the times.

In politics he acts with the Republican party, and belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and to several leading social fraternities.

In 1889 he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Isaac Lutz, a prominent and wealthy farmer of Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Orr have had two bright children—Stanley Lutz and Mary Florence.

QUACE McCONNELL, a promising young member of agricultural circles in Ross county, is the subject of the following biographical notice. He was born in this county, in Green township, in 1864, a son of Jeremiah McConnell, who was born in the same place in 1823.

The paternal grandfather, Dennis McConnell, emigrated from Ireland to America and settled in the State of Virginia; thence he removed to Ross county, Ohio, at an early day, and engaged in farming. He had little means, but by thrift and industry accumulated a handsome estate before his death, at which time he possessed 700 acres of land. The greater portion of this tract he cleared and placed under cultivation. Jeremiah McConnell was reared to manhood amid the wild scenes of the frontier, receiving a limited education. He was a farmer and followed this vocation through life. He raised a large number of farm animals and owned between 900 and 1,000 acres of fine land. He was a devout member of the Roman Catholic Church. He married Miss Keziah Mace, of Ross county, a daughter of Jacob Mace, who was a native of Pennsylvania and one of the early settlers of Liberty township and one of her most prosperous farmers. Jeremiah McConnell and wife reared a family of four children,—Mace, Anna, Dennis and Lyda. The mother died at the age of fifty-five years; she was a consistent member of the Episcopalian Church and a most worthy woman.

Mace McConnell, the eldest of the family, received his education in the common schools of Ross county, and in his youth was trained in all the details of agriculture. He is now engaged in the cultivation of 325 acres of land in Green township, all of which is well improved; he gives special attention to the raising of grains, reaping abundant harvests of the various cereals.

Mr. McConnell was married November 1, 1888, to Miss Elizabeth Chough, who was born in Pike county, Ohio. Two children have been born in their family,—George C. and Grace Elizabeth. After his marriage Mr. McConnell settled on his farm, remaining there until March, 1893, when he removed to Chillicothe, renting his land to tenants. Politically he harmonizes with the Democratic party. He is a young man of excellent ability and has already attained a position of financial independence.

JACOB A. HOUK is prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Ross county, Ohio, being the owner of 300 acres of choice land, three miles south of the city of Chillicothe, which is his present residence.

He is a native of this State, born in Pike county, in 1851, a son of David Houk, also a native of Pike county, and a grandson of Philip Houk, a Pennsylvanian by birth. The grandfather settled in Pike county, in the early part of the present century, entering Government land. He made a trip to Iowa the latter part of his life for the purpose of paying a visit to his daughter, and it is supposed that he was murdered upon his return, as no message has been received from him since the day he bade his daughter goodbye. He was the father of eight children, six sons and two daughters. He was sixty years old at the time of his disappearance. David Houk, son of the above, passed his youth on the frontier, receiving his education in the primitive log school-house of that day. He engaged in farming and continued his residence in Pike county until 1853, when he removed to Ross county, locating in Franklin township. In 1860 he moved to Liberty township, where he lived four years; at the end of that period he settled west of Chillicothe, afterward going to Union township, where he owns 850 acres of land. He was united in marriage to Sophia Winks, a native of Pike county, and a daughter of one of the early settlers of that section. They reared four children; the mother died at the age of fifty-five years, greatly beloved by all who knew her. The father survives and still lives in Union township, in the enjoyment of a competency which is the legitimate result of years of toil and industry.

Jacob A. Houk was a child of six years when his parents came to Ross county, and here he has since resided. He owns 300 acres of choice farming land, which is cultivated with the most satisfactory and gratifying results. The land is specially adapted to the raising of grains, of which he reaps the most bountiful harvests.

He was united in marriage, in 1880, to Elizabeth Morrison, who was born in Ross county, Ohio. They have one child, a son named Roy M. In 1884 Mr. Houk removed with his family to Chillicothe and they are now occupying their handsome residence on High street. He and his wife are members of the Episcopal Church. In politics he supports the issues of the Republican party. He is a man of superior business qualifications and is ranked among the leading farmers of this county.

DR. CHRISTIAN VOGEL, a practitioner of the Hahnemannian system of medicine, at Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in Hesse Darmstadt, Germany, October 22, 1822. His father, Valentine Vogel, was a native of the same place; he was a gunsmith by trade, and followed this vocation until he crossed the sea to America in 1837, the voyage consuming forty-seven days. After landing he continued his journey to Indiana, and located at Lawrenceburg, where he was engaged in farming. He married Catharine Seip, also of German birth, and they reared nine children; he died at the age of sixty-two years, and she survived to the age of seventy-two; they were both consistent and worthy members of the Lutheran Church.

Christian Vogel, the sixth-born of his parents, attended school in the "Fatherland" until he came to America, in his sixteenth year, and then assisted his father in clearing the land and making the many necessary improvements on the farm in Indiana. In 1848 he joined the ministry of the German Methodist Church, his first charge being at Newport, Ky.; he has also had charge of the congregations at Marietta, Chillicothe, Portsmouth, Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Chillicothe (a second time), Waverly and Marietta (a second time), where he was obliged on account of failing health to relinquish his work. He had given some study to medicine, and to this he again turned his attention. In 1866 he began practicing in Chillicothe, and has gained a wide patronage. His success has won much favor for the Homœopathic system, of which he is a most able exponent.

Dr. Vogel was married in 1847, to Mary Kritzmyer, who was born in Hanover, Germany, and emigrated to the United States in 1841. They are the parents of ten children: Mary, Caroline, deceased; Lizzie, deceased; Willie, deceased; Charles, George, deceased; Katie, Rosa, John and Clarence. The Doctor and his wife are consistent members of the German Methodist Church, and he is president of the Board of Trustees. Politically he sympathizes with the Republican party, giving his entire allegiance to the country of his adoption.

HENRY C. PARRETT, one of the wealthy farmers of Ross county, descends from Frederick Parrett, who emigrated from Switzerland to America in 1746. Captain Joseph Parrett, a soldier in the war of the Revolution, was also a member of this family. Henry C. Parrett was born in Buckskin township, Ross county, July 7, 1825, a son of Joseph Parrett, a native of Virginia, who emigrated to Ohio as early as 1814. The latter was married to Miss Sarah Hass just before coming to the frontier, and after his arrival constructed a log-house in which he and his bride began their housekeeping and homemaking. Her death occurred in October, 1832. There were born to them a family of eight children, four of whom yet survive.

Mr. Parrett was married a second time, to Amelia Cissley, who survived him and lived to the age of seventy-three years. They had six children, Henry C. being the second son. He was reared to the life of a farmer, and received his education in the primitive log school-house, where the children of the sturdy pioneers were "ruled by the rod." In 1850 he began an independent career, locating on a farm in Buckskin township. He owned 155 acres, on which

he made his home until 1887, when he sold this tract at a price averaging nearly $100 per acre; and since that time he has lived somewhat retired from business. In May, 1888, he removed to Lyndon, where he has a pleasant home.

Mr. Parrett was united in marriage June 20, 1850, to Miss Emily Welsheimer, who was born in Fairfield county, Ohio, in February, 1823. Her parents, Philip and Elizabeth (Duley) Welsheimer, were natives of Virginia, who emigrated to Ohio in very early times, and were among the pioneers of Fairfield county. They moved to Ross county in 1833, where the mother died in the autumn of 1849; the father lived until 1864. He was very successful in business and accumulated a competency. Mrs. Parrett died November 5, 1885. She was a woman of rare force of character, tender and loving in her devotion to her family, and deeply beloved by all who received her gentle ministrations. Mr. and Mrs. Parrett had five children: William E. is married and resides in Greenfield, Ohio; Ansta A. is the wife of John Putman, a hardware merchant of Greenfield, Ohio; Charles is a partner in his brother's store; Mary and Jennie are at home with their father. All the children received a good education, and made most of the opportunities afforded them.

Politically, Mr. Parrett is identified with the Republican party. He has served as Trustee of his township, but has never been an aspirant for public office. He is a man well informed upon the topics of the day, and is an interesting conversationalist. His business ventures have been quite successful. From 1876 to 1893 he was engaged in the drug trade in Greenfield, and is a member of the Putman & Parrett hardware firm of Greenfield. While living on his farm he gave especial attention to the breeding of live-stock, and did much to improve the grades in this section.

MARCUS T. PARRETT, one of the prosperous farmers of Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, was born June 30, 1838, and is a son of Henry Parrett, a native of Virginia, born in Rockingham county, in 1808. The paternal grandfather, Frederick Parrett, emigrated from Virginia to Ohio in 1814, accompanied by his family, locating in Buckskin township, Ross county, where he purchased a farm, and passed the remainder of his days, dying at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. His son, Henry Parrett, the youngest son in a family of eleven children, succeeded his father on the homestead, and died there in 1876. He was very successful in business, and owned at the time of his death more than 600 acres of land. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church, as was his father, and was very conservative in all his views. His wife, Christine Parrett, was a Virginian by birth, but emigrated with her parents to Fayette county, Ohio. She died in the year 1847, the mother of four children, of whom the subject of this notice is the eldest. The father was married a second time, this union being to Lydia Stout, of Fayette county, who survived him, but died leaving a family of six children, five of whom are living.

Marcus T. Parrett received his education in the district schools and at the Academy at South Salem. He remained with his father several years after attaining his majority. When there was a call for men to go

out in defence of the nation's flag he promptly responded, and in August, 1862, enlisted in Company I, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, joining his regiment at Corinth, Mississippi. He participated in several engagements, was in the siege of Atlanta, and marched with Sherman to the sea. He escaped without being wounded; but suffered much from being ill. He was in the grand review at Washington and was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, at the close of the struggle. Returning to his home, he resumed farming, and has since been engaged in this occupation. He owns 280 acres of land, which is well improved and in an advanced state of cultivation.

Mr. Parrett was married in 1868 to Elizabeth Kerr, and of this union five children have been born: Anna M., Robert H., Hugh H., Mattie J. and John C. Both Mr. and Mrs. Parrett are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church. He belongs to the G. A. R. and is one of the most ardent Republicans.

CRAWFORD PUTMAN, one of the most energetic and prosperous farmers of Ross county, is the owner of 1,000 acres of choice land in Buckskin township, and is one of the most intelligent agriculturists of the community in which he dwells.

He is a native of Ohio, born in Concord township, Ross county, March 15, 1827, a son of Peter and Keziah (Hody) Putman, and one of a family of twelve children. The paternal grandfather, Philip Putman, was a Virginian by birth, who emigrated to Ohio with his family at a very early day, being one of the first settlers in Concord township, and lived there until his death, at the age of ninety years. His son, Peter Putman, lived to be ninety-three years old, and the mother of our subject survived to the age of seventy-five years. Crawford Putman is the third-born of the family. His opportunities for acquiring an education were the most meager. When he could be spared from the farm work he attended the short sessions of the district school, but his training has been chiefly in the world of experience and not theory. At the age of eighteen years he began an independent career, hiring out to work by the month, receiving $8 for his services. After a few years he located on a farm in Buckskin township, and for more than four decades he has been engaged in agricultural pursuits. Possessing unusual executive ability, he has secured the best results with the least expenditure of force, and has accumulated a handsome estate.

He was the first man in his township to lay a tile drain on his land, hauling the tile a distance of fifteen miles. Recognizing the immense benefits arising from this treatment of low lands, he purchased machinery, and for four years manufactured tile on his own place, thoroughly under-draining the entire body.

Mr. Putman was united in marriage in 1852 to Miss Mary A. Clark, and they have had four children: Allison E., John F., Annie E. and Ella F. Mr. and Mrs. Putman are both sincere members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

HENRY S. TOOTLE is the owner of two tracts of fine farming land in Ohio, and has been very successful in agricultural pursuits. He was born in Deerfield township, Ross

county, Ohio, April 24, 1840, a son of John and Rebecca (Brown) Tootle, whose names are mentioned elsewhere in this history. His youth was not unlike that of the sons of other pioneers, attending the short terms of the district school and being well trained in all the details of farming. He remained with his parents until the age of twenty-three years, when he began an independent career. He first located on land in Union township, but later removed to Pickaway county, where he resided eighteen months. In 1865 he took up his abode upon the farm which has since been his home. This land, 300 acres, is situated in Deerfield township, one-half mile south of Clarksburg. Mr. Tootle owns also 300 acres in Pickaway county, both bodies being well improved and under excellent cultivation.

He was united in marriage in 1863 to Miss Maria McDill, a native of Ross county and a member of one of the old pioneer families of this section. They are the parents of a family of six children: Clara, John, James, Isaac, George and Myrtle.

Although sympathizing with the Democratic party our subject takes no active part in political affairs. He has given his time and energies exclusively to the management of his private business, and has been more than ordinarily successful. He does a general farming business, raising grain and live-stock, and is considered one of the most intelligent agriculturists in the community.

JOB S. BROWN, whose name is a prominent one in political circles throughout Ross county, is a native of the county in which he resides, born June 22, 1859. His father, Richard Brown, was also born in Deerfield township, Ross county, Ohio, a son of Captain Clement Brown, who emigrated from Delaware to Ohio in 1802, and purchased an immense tract of land, which he cleared and placed under cultivation. He lived to the age of eighty-two years, and at the time of his death owned 5,000 acres of land, the greater portion of which lay on Deer and Paint creeks. Richard Brown was one of a family of ten children, only two of whom lived beyond childhood. He was extensively engaged in farming on Deer creek, where he lived to the age of forty-eight years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he gave a liberal support. He owned 2,000 acres of good land and was very prosperous in all his business operations. He married Mary Thompson, a native of South Union township, Ross county, and a daughter of Alexander Thompson, one of the pioneer settlers of Ross county. She died in September, 1891, at the age of sixty-two years; she also was a Methodist in her religious faith.

Job S. Brown is the second of a family of three children. He was reared to the life of a farmer, and received his education in the public schools of Chillicothe and Piqua. In 1885 he began life for himself, taking up the old vocation to which he had been trained in his youth. He was married in 1891 to Miss Carrie Stitt, daughter of Esquire Moses Stitt, a citizen of South Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are the parents of one child, Helen V.

At the age of twenty-two years our worthy subject was elected to the office of Trustee of Deerfield township, and was twice afterward re-elected, serving in this position nine years. In the autumn of 1890 he was elected Director of the Ross County

Infirmary, and has discharged his duties in a most satisfactory manner. He has been of great service to his party in its various conventions, and is regarded one of its shrewdest and wisest counselors. Mr. Brown is a member of the I. O. O. F.

He carries on farming on an extensive scale, having under cultivation 825 acres of choice land; he gives especial care to the breeding of high-grade horses and has done much toward the elevation of the standard of live-stock in Ross county. In addition to his agricultural interests, Mr. Brown is a stockholder in the Clarksburg and Chillicothe Telephone line, and was at one time a director of the Clarksburg and Roxabell Turnpike Company; when this line was sold he was secretary and settled up the business attending this transaction. In 1891 he was instrumental in securing the establishment of a postoffice on Deer creek, near Brown's church, the name of the office being Carrie. He is a man of untiring industry and indefatigable energy, and is held in the highest esteem throughout the county.

SAMUEL S. DUNLAP, D. D. S., Chillicothe, Ohio, is of the third generation of a family of dentists who have attained distinction in the profession. He was born at Lyndon, Ross county, Ohio, December 9, 1865, a son of S. B. Dunlap, D. D. S., who was born in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1833. The paternal grandfather, Dr. Joseph G. Dunlap, was a native of New York, born near Ithaca in 1791; the great-grandfather was born in Ireland and emigrated to America before the war of the Revolution, locating in New York State. Dr. Joseph G. Dunlap left the protecting shelter of the parental roof when a young man, and going South, remained in Virginia for a time. He went to Louisville and there studied dentistry, coming afterward to Chillicothe in the early part of the present century. He was one of the pioneers of his profession in this State, and was engaged in practice until 1868. He died in 1870, at the age of seventy-nine years. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was one of the local preachers of Ross county; he also preached upon special occasions in Cincinnati and other points in the State. He was held in the highest esteem by a wide circle of acquaintances. His wife, whose maiden name was Margaret O'Neal, was a Virginian by birth and descended from an old Quaker family of the South; she was highly educated and was a woman of much culture and refinement. When she came to Ohio she and her brother rode over the mountains on horseback, and settled in Chillicothe where they were among the earliest settlers. She died here in 1874. Although born in the Quaker Church, she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was deeply interested in the work of the society. She was the mother of seven children, three of whom are living. S. B. Dunlap, father of our subject, began the study of dentistry under his father at the age of sixteen years, and though he is now retired from practice he is considered one of the most skillful operators in the professional circles of Ross county. He was married at Athens, Ohio, to Miss Amy Brown, whose people were among the first settlers of Marietta, Ohio, locating there at a time when the Indians were so hostile they were often obliged to take refuge in a block house which was built for that purpose. There were four

children born to Dr. and Mrs. Dunlap, three of whom survive; the mother died in her fifty-sixth year.

Dr. Samuel L. Dunlap, the second of the family, received his education in the public schools of Chillicothe and in Prof. Poe's private school, and then studied his profession under his father. He began practicing in 1885, locating at Adelphi, Ross county, Ohio, where he continued one year. He came to Chillicothe at the end of twelve months, and upon the retirement of his father in 1889 took his office, and has won a large share of the patronage his father had established.

He was married March 21, 1892, to Miss Bertha Fitzsimmons, a native of Chillicothe. Politically he adheres to the principles of the Republican party. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., Tecumseh Lodge, No. 80.

JOHN WILLIS, one of the old and highly respected citizens of Deerfield township, was born in Ross county, Ohio, November 15, 1815, a son of Tillman Willis, a native of Maryland. His father died when he was still a mere lad, so he went to live with an uncle. Emigrating to Ohio in 1804, Tillman Willis was among the first settlers in Ross county. The first year he rented land in Union township, and the following year purchased a farm which he cleared, cutting out the first brush and building the first log cabin on this place. He died at the age of seventy-eight years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and at the close of the struggle held a commission. He married Kascie Wroten, of Maryland, and of this union were born twelve children, six sons and six daughters; eight of the family grew to maturity, and three still survive. The mother died a few weeks after her husband passed away.

The youth of John Willis was no exception to that of the sons of other pioneer settlers. He tramped through the snows and bitter colds of the winter to a little log schoolhouse to receive the meagre instruction that was afforded, and in the summer season gave his energies to grubbing, chopping and clearing the land which was to be developed into a choice tract of farming land. The Sabbaths of his childhood days were rather grim affairs, as after the children were washed and properly attired for the day, they were expected to seat themselves and spend the time in studying their school-books. For three years after he became of age Mr. Willis worked for his father without remuneration. When he began an independent career he was employed by the day in his own neighborhood, twenty-five cents being the usual price for a day's service.

In partnership with his father and Col. Hicks he purchased the first threshing machine that was brought into Ross county, and operated the same four years. During this time he accumulated a little money, which he invested in seventy-five acres of land, situated just west of Clarksburg, paying therefor $1,000. Although he began his career without capital he has arisen to a position of financial independence through his own unaided efforts.

Mr. Willis was married in 1852 to Miss Elizabeth Haggard, of Virginia, and after this event located on the land which has since been his home. He has carried on all branches of agriculture and has made additions to his first purchase until he now owns 207 acres of as fine land as lies within the

borders of Ross county. Mr. and Mrs. Willis had six children: Catherine C., who is the wife of David Tootle, a prominent farmer of this township; Emma A., at home; D. Belle, who married Presley Carter, an agriculturist of Fayette county; John B., married and engaged in farming near his father's place; the second and third born died in childhood.

Politically Mr. Willis supports the principles promulgated by the Democratic party.

JAMES SMITH, a well-known farmer of Deerfield township, was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway county, Ohio, February 11, 1831, and is a son of James Smith, Sr., who was a Virginian by birth. The latter emigrated from the Old Dominion State to Ohio in 1804, and located in Deer Creek township, Pickaway county, where he was one of the first settlers. He purchased a tract of land, and until the time of his death gave his entire energy to placing this under cultivation. He died in October, 1831, aged forty-five years. He was married to Phœbe Tussip, who was a native of Delaware, having accompanied her parents to Ohio in her girlhood. They reared a family of six children, and she survived her eighty-seventh year. In her religious faith she was a devout Baptist.

James Smith, the youngest of the family and the only one living, was an infant of eight months when his father died, and the burden of bringing up the children fell upon the mother. She proved equal to the responsibility, and with rare courage and judgment managed the farm, keeping her family all under her own roof. After James became of age he and his brother Alexander took charge of the homestead, which they cultivated in partnership for several years. In 1859 he purchased his present farm on Deer creek in Deerfield township; four years later he located on this land, which he has occupied for three decades.

He was united in marriage in 1855 to Miss Rebecca Marsh, a daughter of Horace and Catherine Marsh, who removed from Virginia to Ohio in early times. Mrs. Smith was born in Deer Creek township, Pickaway county, Ohio. Six children have been born to our subject and wife: Emma, Charles, John, Essie F., Mary M. and Maggie.

Mr. Smith has devoted his life to husbandry and has met with more than ordinary success; he owns 152 acres of land, which is in a high state of cultivation and well improved, while his sons, Charles and John, are the possessors of 257 acres. He does a general farming business, giving especial attention to the raising of good grades of live-stock. Reared amid the wild scenes of the frontier, his educational opportunities were necessarily limited. Experience is, however, a thorough though sometimes severe teacher; so the lessons of life have been well learned, He has been prosperous in his undertakings, and is now enjoying the pleasures of a justly-earned competence.

RUFUS K. BETTS, one of the most substantial and highly esteemed farmers of Ross county, was born near Clarksburg, Ohio, October 8, 1831, a son of Thomas Betts. His father was a native of Delaware, born in 1792, and in an early day emigrated to this county,

where he bravely bore the burdens of pioneer life. He was young and full of ambition and energy, and earned the money to pay for his first purchase of land by splitting rails; at the time of his death he was the owner of 1,500 acres of land. He was a consistent member of the Christian Church, and liberally supported the society to which he belonged. His death occurred April 9, 1852. Mr. Betts was twice married, his first wife being a member of the Conon family; she died in 1833, the mother of nine children, of whom Rufus K. is the youngest and only one surviving. The second marriage was to Sarah Barker, and of this union four children were born, two sons and two daughters; the daughters are both deceased, while the sons reside in Kansas. Rufus K. Betts grew to manhood amid the crude surroundings of frontier life, and received the meager education afforded in the primitive log school house near his home. He assisted in the heavy labors of the farm until he became of age, passing a most uneventful youth. His first independent venture was at clerking in a store at Frankfort, where he remained two years; thence he went to Circleville, and was employed in a store in that place for a term of eight years. At the end of this time he took charge of a stock of goods his father had purchased and placed on sale at Clarksburg.

Abandoning mercantile life in 1854, he turned his attention to farming again, and has since followed this vocation. He has 205 acres in his home farm, 200 acres near Williamsport, Pickaway county, Ohio, and 640 acres in Johnson county, Kansas. During the past ten years he has given especial attention to buying and shipping live-stock to Eastern markets, and has met with marked success in this business. He is a man of sound judgment and rare executive ability, and is regarded as one of the most intelligent farmers in this community.

Politically, he supports the issues of the Republican party, and has served as Judge of Elections since the adoption of the Australian ballot system. He has been a delegate to the various conventions of his party, and has in every way furthered its interests. He has served as Director and Secretary of the Roxabel & Clarksburg Turnpike Company, discharging his duties with the strictest fidelity. He is an honored member of the I. O. O. F.

JOHN W. BROWN, a wealthy young farmer of Deerfield township, belongs to one of the representative families of Ross county, Ohio.

He was born in the township in which he now resides July 4, 1861, a son of Richard P. Brown, also a native of Ross county, Ohio, born September 25, 1822. The paternal grandfather, Captain Clement Brown, was born October 4, 1783, a son of Curtis Brown. He emigrated to Ohio from Delaware in 1802, and purchased an immense tract of land on Deer creek, where he resided until his death August 1, 1862, aged seventy-eight years. Richard P. Brown was a farmer by occupation, and occupied the land on which his son now dwells. He married Mary A. Thompson, a native of Ross county, who died September 10, 1889, in her sixty-third year. Mr. Brown's death occurred May 26, 1870.

John W., the youngest of a family of three children, acquired a good education in his youth, attending the public schools at Chillicothe and the academy at South Salem;

he was also a pupil in the schools at Westerville. Settling on the old Brown homestead, he has since been engaged in farming, having several hundred acres under cultivation. He raises live-stock of the higher grades, and manages all his enterprises with excellent judgment.

Mr. Brown was united in marriage in 1890 to Miss Annette M. Baker, a native of this township, and a daughter of Marcus Baker, one of the prominent farmers of the county. Mrs. Brown is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Politically, our subject adheres to the principles of the Republican party, but takes no part in the affairs of government beyond the faithful discharge of his duty as a citizen of the republic.

WILLIAM M. MORRISON was born in Washington county, Ohio, November 19, 1836. His father, Morris Morrison, emigrated from Virginia to Washington county, Ohio, in 1808, and engaged in agricultural pursuits; later in life he embarked in mercantile trade, keeping a store in Jefferson township. He afterward removed to Ross county, where he passed the remainder of his days, dying in 1884, aged seventy-three years. His wife, whose maiden name was Lydia Archer, is also deceased. They reared a family of nine children, five of whom are living.

William M. was reared to the life of a farmer and received a very limited education. Before the age of fourteen years he had attended one term at the Lowell Academy, and after that assumed the responsibilities of teaching, devoting his time to this profession during three terms. In the autumn of 1866 he came to Ross county and settled in Union township, where he took up land, which he developed into a good farm.

In August, 1861, when there was a call for volunteers to assist in preserving the nation, he enlisted in Company G, Thirty-sixth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, under Col. Crook. He participated in many notable engagements, including Lewisburg, Manassas, Fredericksburg, South Mountain, Antietam, Hoover's Gap, Chickamauga, Mission Ridge and Lynchburg. Five times he was hit with ball and shell during his term of service, but was never seriously wounded; he suffered severe illness soon after going out, the effects of which he feels to this day. He was a member of the mounted escort of Gen. Crook, and was mustered out at Harper's Ferry in the fall of 1864.

Mr. Morrison was united in marriage, in 1866, to Mary Bowdell, who died in 1879, leaving four children: Alma, deceased, Lottie, Morris, and Laura. The second marriage occurred December 31, 1879, when our subject was united to Mattie Spencer, of Noble county, Ohio. They are the parents of a family of six children: Edith, Clarence, Harvey, Freddie, Florence and Howard. In politics Mr. Morrison sympathizes with the Republican party. He has represented the people of this township as Justice of the Peace for three terms, and has been a member of various conventions of the organization. He belongs to the G. A. R. and to the I. O. O. F. Both he and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

He has been successful in his business operations, and has accumulated a competency. He owns 960 acres in his home farm, and 200 acres in another tract, all of which has been acquired through good management, industry and thrift.

GEORGE MORROW was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, July 17, 1819, a son of Richard Morrow, who was born in the State of Pennsylvania. The paternal grandfather, George Morrow, was a native of the Emerald Isle, but emigrated to the United States, first locating in Pennsylvania; later he removed to Ohio and passed the last years of his life in Jefferson county. Richard Morrow was reared to the occupation of a farmer, which he followed through life; his death occurred at the age of ninety-six years. He was an adherent of the Methodist faith for many years prior to his death. He married Charlotte Hanlin, a native-born American, but of Irish lineage; she died at the age of sixty-six years. George Morrow is the third of a family of nine children, only two of whom now survive; the Rev. Richard Morrow is a member of the conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is now stationed at Cleveland, Ohio; he entered the ministry at the age of twenty-one years and his labors have been crowned with success.

Until the age of nineteen years our subject was engaged in farming, abandoning this vocation to take up carpentry. For seven years he worked at this trade, when he again became a tiller of the soil. He purchased his present farm in Ross county, September 5, 1851, and has made many admirable improvements upon it. The tract comprises 350 acres, and he also owns 200 acres in another body. He carries on a general farming business and raises some superior live-stock.

Mr. Morrow was married March 13, 1844, to Eleanor Ekey, of Ohio, who died at the age of sixty-three years, the mother of six children, namely: Emeretta, deceased; Charlotte, Lizzie, Ophelia C., deceased; Laura and James R. S. Mr. Morrow was married a second time, this union being with Caroline Hurst, who died six years later. Politically he supports the issues of the Republican party. He has always taken a deep interest in the prosperity of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is a zealous member and to which he contributes liberally.

While Mr. Morrow has been very successful, he has not made achievements without effort. In early days, in 1840 and 1841, he made two trips with produce to New Orleans by flat-boat, and as much of the cargo as found a market was sold *en route*. He was absent from home several months on each trip, and learned many a valuable lesson in the many transactions of this enterprise. He is a man of good business ability and is numbered among the leading farmers of his township.

WILLIAM LEFFINGWELL, a farmer of Deerfield township, has been prominently identified with the agricultural interests of Ross county for many years, and is therefore entitled to the space that has been accorded him in this volume. The date of his birth is May 11, 1828, and the place a farm on Deer creek, Union township, Ross county, Ohio.

Byron L. Leffingwell, father of William, was born at Hartford, Connecticut, in 1802; he was a son of Capt. Samuel Leffingwell, who followed the sea for many years. Later in life he had charge of a force of men engaged in building ships, and finally became interested in farming. He removed to Ohio, and there purchased a large tract of land in Ross county. He also owned a considerable

amount of property in Chillicothe. He died at Williamsburg, Clermont county, Ohio, at the age of eighty-two years, leaving a handsome estate to his five children. Byron L. Leffingwell was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and in connection with agricultural pursuits, he assisted his brother, Edward, in the operation of a flouring mill. He died at Chillicothe, at the age of seventy-five years. He was united in marriage to Mary Boyd, who was born in Erie, Pennsylvania, of German ancestry, and died at the age of sixty-two years.

William Leffingwell, son of the above, is one of a family of twelve children, eight of whom are still living. There was no break in the family circle until after all had attained maturity. Our subject first saw the light of day in a rudely furnished log house, which was the home of his pioneer parents. He made the most of his chances for acquiring an education, and finally fitted himself for teaching. He had a school for a term of nine months in Union township, and taught a term of equal length in Pickaway county. He then abandoned the profession and turned his attention to the cultivation of grain and the raising of live-stock. For twelve years he bought large numbers of hogs, which he fed for the market, and in this business accumulated the means to make his first purchase of land. He has made some advantageous trades in real estate, and now owns 175 acres in his home farm, and 100 acres in another tract. He has made all the improvements, which are most substantial, and has developed one of the finest farms in the township. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, but takes no active interest in the counsels of that body.

Mr. Leffingwell was united in marriage November 5, 1861, to Miss Mary A. Connon. Mrs. Leffingwell was born on Deer creek, Union township, Ross county, Ohio, and on the thirty-first anniversary of her marriage, departed this life for the unknown world. She was the mother of four children: Ambrose L., Laura J., John S., deceased; and Mary.

CLEMENT HUTTON, one of the wealthy farmers and stock-dealers of Deerfield township, is essentially a self-made man and worthy of the space that has been allotted him in this history of the representative men of Ross county.

He is a native of the State of Ohio, born in Union township, Ross county, May 16, 1839, a son of James Hutton, of Greene county, Virginia. The paternal grandfather, Jacob Hutton, was also a Virginian by birth, and was a farmer by occupation. He was frozen to death while hauling goods from Baltimore to a point in Virginia. James Hutton emigrated to the Buckeye State about 1832, and settled in Union township, Ross county, where he spent the remainder of his days. He died April 20, 1856, in his thirty-seventh year. His mother, whose maiden name was Catherine Wright, was born in Maryland, August 3, 1800, and died January 1, 1866. Clement Hutton was one of three sons, the others being John F., died February 14, 1859, and Joseph, who died at the age of twenty years.

The youth of our subject was passed amid the wild surroundings of the pioneer farm, and his education was acquired in the schools that were conducted upon the subscription plan. His opportunities were necessarily limited, and after the death of

his father he was compelled to forego any any further attempts to advance himself intellectually. He went out to work by the month and for three years was employed at the rate of $8 a month. At the end of this period he had saved $108. In 1859 he secured a situation which yielded him $13 a month.

His plans were interrupted by the outbreak of the civil war, and about the first of November, 1861, he enlisted in Company C, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry. His regiment departed from Chillicothe, January 20, 1862, and, until the close of the struggle, he was found at his post, being mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio, in July, 1865. He participated in the grand review at Washington after the cessation of hostilities. Being taken ill, he lay at Weston, Virginia, for a month, after which he rejoined his regiment. He was struck by spent balls in the battle of Raccoon Ridge and at Bentonville, but was not seriously injured. At Burnt Hickory a bullet passed through the crown of his new hat, which had just been drawn from the supplies. The Seventy-third was in the thick of many heated battles, and did a vast amount of hard fighting for the "stars and stripes."

After his return home, Mr. Hutton engaged in farming. He made his first purchase of land in 1868, when he bought a tract in Concord township. Since that time he has bought other lands, and has lived almost altogether in Deerfield township, where he has done much to further agricultural interests. He owns 470 acres, which he has under excellent cultivation and well-stocked.

He was married in 1867 to Miss Nancy Cochran, who was born in Concord township, a daughter of David and Elizabeth (Goldsberry) Cochran, natives of Ross county, Ohio. Andrew Cochran, the grandfather of Mrs. Hutton, was an early settler in Ross county. The father died in 1855, while the mother survives now in her seventy-second year. Mr. and Mrs. Hutton have one adopted son, Elias Hutton.

Politically, Mr. Hutton sympathizes with the Republican party. He is a member of the G. A. R., Pryor Timmons Post. He is a liberal supporter of the various churches of the township, but has no church membership. Mrs. Hutton belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

EWING W. TEMPLIN is one of the self-made men of the Scioto valley and is entitled to representation in this history. He was born on a farm near Greenland, Ross county, Ohio, October 29, 1841, a son of James Templin, a Kentuckian, born in 1791, and a grandson of James Templin, who is supposed to have been kidnapped in his childhood in England and brought to America. In 1801 he removed from Kentucky to Ohio, accompanied by his family, and settled near Frankfort, Ross county; he died in Concord township at a ripe old age. James Templin, his son, located at Waugh's Run in Deerfield township, and cleared land there which he cultivated until his death, in the centennial year of American independence. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and as patriot and citizen did his whole duty. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church for many years, and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He was twice married, his first wife being Margaret Stewart, a daughter of Robert

Stewart, one of the first settlers in the vicinity of Frankfort. There were four children of this marriage. The second union was to Abigail Strain, who came from South Carolina to Ohio with her father, John Strain. He was a large slave-owner in the South, but freed his slaves, and after his removal to Ohio became a radical abolitionist; there were four sons and one daughter born of the second marriage.

Ewing W. Templin was reared to the occupation of a farmer, receiving his education in the common and select schools of that day. His first business venture was as a merchant in Clarksburg, Ohio, and he continued there until 1880, when he sold out and removed to Fayette county, Ohio. The following year he returned to Clarksburg, and again engaged in mercantile trade, carrying on the business until 1885. He is still a resident of the village, but gives his entire time to the management of other interests. He deals quite extensively in live-stock, and is the only breeder of Polled Angus cattle in Ross county.

He has been proprietor of the Clarksburg Telegraph since January 1, 1891, being one of the founders of the paper. It is a bright newsy sheet, independent in all lines of thought, and has a wide circulation.

Mr. Templin was married to Miss Laura Blocker, who was born in Circleville, Ohio, and they are the parents of seven children: Harry C., Ross S., Ray and Roy, twins, Estella, Earl and Fenn, deceased. Our subject has always been a zealous Republican, taking an active interest in the management of public affairs. He has served as Trustee of his township, and has been a egate to the various conventions of the party. During the war he was a member of Company H, One Hundred Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, enlisting May 2, 1864; he served out the term for which he enlisted and was discharged as Corporal. He is a member of the Masonic order and of the G. A. R., and both he and his wife belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which he is an Elder. He has been very successful in all his business operations and has accomplished the ends he has sought through his own energy and industry.

ADAM M. GALBRAITH, M. D., of Frankfort, Ross county, was born in Concord township, same county, Ohio, September 14, 1866. His father, Dr. Robert Galbraith, was a native of county Tyrone, Ireland, born in 1819. When a youth of fifteen years he emigrated to America and came to Frankfort, Ohio, where he resided with an uncle. He had been reared on a farm and had attended the common schools of his own country, and after coming to the United States he continued his studies until he had fitted himself for teaching. Going to Iowa he taught four years, at the end of which time he returned to Ohio and took up the study of medicine. He entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, at which he was graduated in 1844. He then located at Austin, Ross county, and practiced in that place several years, removing thence to Frankfort. In 1877 he retired to his farm adjoining Frankfort, but continued his professional labors until the time of his death, July 11, 1891. He was a member of the Ross County and Ohio Valley Medical societies, and was highly esteemed by the members of his profession. Politically he affiliated with the

Democratic party, and although he took an active interest in local government was never an aspirant to public office. In his religious faith he was a Presbyterian. He met with gratifying success in his practice and was regarded as one of the best informed physicians of his time. He married Martha Bush, a native of Ross county, Ohio, the daughter of one of the pioneer settlers; she died March 11, 1890, the mother of five sons and five daughters.

Dr. Galbraith is the youngest of the family, only three of whom survive. Until fifteen years of age he attended the public schools at Frankfort, and then entered the South Salem Academy. He was one year in the Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, and spent three years as a student in the university at Wooster, Ohio. He was compelled to leave this institution in his junior year on account of failing health, going to Colorado. After his return he began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of his father, and after two years he entered the Ohio Medical College, finishing the course in 1890. Immediately thereafter he located at Oxford, Nebraska, but after the death of his father he came back to Ohio and settled in Frankfort. Subsequently he removed to the old homestead and now gives most of his time to the management of the estate. He is a member of the Ross County Medical Society, and is one of the most highly educated young physicians in the county.

Dr. Galbraith was married in 1891 to Miss Clara Smith, of Chillicothe, Ohio, and they have one child, a daughter named Martha D. In politics the Doctor adheres to the principles of the Democratic party. He is a member of the Masonic order, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. His wife belongs to the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church, while he subscribes to the Presbyterian faith.

The Galbraith homestead consists of a fine tract of 236 acres, lying in the valley of the north fork of Paint creek. It has been brought to a high state of cultivation and is one of the most desirable farms within the borders of the county.

SAMUEL PUTMAN, one of the prominent agriculturists of Concord township, Ross county, is a son of Philip Putman, and is a native of the State of Ohio, born in Concord township, Ross county, May 27, 1847. The opportunities that were afforded him for acquiring an education were confined to the district school, and during the summer season he assisted in the cultivation of his father's land. Having arrived at his majority he went from the parental roof, and spent the following year in Illinois.

He was married in 1869 to Miss Elizabeth Galbraith, a daughter of Dr. Robert Galbraith, who was a native of county Tyrone, Ireland. The Doctor left the Emerald Isle when a lad of fifteen years and crossed the sea to America. Here he acquired a good literary education and succeeded in fitting himself for the practice of medicine, graduating at the Ohio Medical College. He practiced many years at Frankfort and was highly esteemed by a wide circle of acquaintance. He died in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Putman were the parents of seven children: Mattie and Maggie, twins, Estella, deceased, Robert, William, Bessie and Mamie, deceased.

Mr. Putman is engaged in general farming, cultivating a fine tract of 235 acres.

The improvements he has made are of a most substantial character and he is numbered among the most intelligent farmers of the community. Politically he adheres to this principles of the Democratic party, taking a lively interest in the counsels of that body. He has no aspirations for a public life, but is devoted to the occupation to which he was reared.

GEORGE B. CLARK, a worthy representative of one of the old pioneer families of Ross county, was born in Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, February 8, 1846, a son of John Clark, a Pennsylvanian by birth. His paternal grandfather, William Clark, emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio in 1802, accompanied by his family. He located below the town of Chillicothe, and six years later removed to Concord township, occupying a log house, which was his home during the remainder of his earthly pilgrimage. He died in March, 1846, at a ripe old age. John Clark was one of the older of nine children. He engaged in farming, and succeeded his father on the homestead, erecting a new house after his marriage, which he occupied until his death in 1873. He married Fannie B. Cayner, a daughter of the old Dominion State, born May 27, 1808, and died in 1881. They were both members of the Presbyterian Church. They had nine children, seven of whom are living.

George B., the fifth in order of birth, was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and continued to live on the old home place until after his marriage, when he purchased a part of his present farm: a few years later he erected his residence. He has in this one tract 340 acres, and owns 340 acres which he manages in the interest of his children. He and his brother have 780 acres of land in Pierce county, Washington. He has been an extensive dealer in live-stock, handling large numbers of cattle each year. Beginning his business career with limited means, he has steadily worked his way to the front, and is now recognized as one of the leading farmers of his township.

Mr. Clark was united in marriage in 1867 to Ruth A. Tootle, who died in 1884, the mother of three children: Ada, Charles T. and Fannie B. His second marriage, in 1885, was to Julia L. Betts, of Ross county, Ohio. In politics Mr. Clark is a stanch adherent of the principles of the Democratic party.

RUFUS W. BRIGGS, a member of one of the pioneer families of Ross county, is the owner of a fine farm in Paint creek valley, and is one of the thriftiest agriculturists in his township. He is a son of Charles Briggs, the date of his birth being February 22, 1850, and the place Concord township, Ross county, Ohio. His youth was an uneventful one, passed in attending the short terms of the district school in the winter season and assisting in the labor of the farm during the summer time. When he had arrived at his majority he began an independent career, continuing the occupation of farming.

Mr. Briggs was married in 1879 to Miss Mary Irans, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Briggs' family emigrated to Ohio from the Keystone State and located at Piketown, Pike county. Her father survives, a resident of Greenfield, where he has lived many years; he is a minister of the Gospel, adher-

ing to the faith of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are the parents of six children: Katie, Bessie, Nettie, Lizzie, Grace and Winnie. Mrs. Briggs is an exemplary member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Briggs homestead formerly comprised 1,700 acres, but was lately divided into nine farms, one of which is the home of our subject. He has 150 acres under excellent cultivation, well improved, and carries on all branches of husbandry according to the most approved methods. Politically, he supports the issues of the Republican party. He is a member of the Knights of Pythias. In all his business and social relations he has preserved a reputation for the strictest integrity, and is highly regarded by the entire community.

DANIEL M. BEARD, a prominent farmer, of Union township, and one of the most highly respected citizens of Ross county, Ohio, is the subject of the following biographical notice:

He was born in the county in which he still resides, October 25, 1838, a son of William Beard, a native of Pennsylvania, born August 4, 1798. The grandfather, William Beard, Sr., was a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and after the close of the war settled in North Carolina. Later he removed to Pennsylvania; and thence with his family to Ohio in 1806. He located in Union township, Ross county, purchasing land which he cleared and improved. He died at the ripe old age of ninety-six years. His wife bore the maiden name of Margery McCoy, and she was a Pennsylvanian by birth. They were the parents of seven sons and seven daughters, nine of whom died before their father passed away. William Beard engaged in agricultural pursuits, and in 1848 bought the land embraced in the farm now occupied by his son Daniel M. He made many substantial improvements and placed the land under good cultivation.

He was killed by a runaway team, August 12, 1868. He married Amanda Rogers, who was born in Union township, April 25, 1806, the daughter of worthy pioneer parents. She died February 22, 1887, the mother of seven children, five of whom are living. Daniel M. is the fourth-born. He passed his boyhood and youth upon his father's farm, assisting in the arduous labors of agriculture in the summer season, and attending the short sessions of the district school in the winter.

He was married in 1863 to Miss Arvilla J. Augustus, daughter of Springer and Jane (Jenkins) Augustus, early settlers in this locality. He was engaged in farming in Union township from that time until 1887, when he removed to the Beard homestead, which he had purchased from the heirs. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have had seven children, Clara A., Almer A., Willie E., Ettie M., Ella, Harry and Robert.

When there was a call for men to go out in defense of the nation, Mr. Beard responded with all the zeal of a loyal citizen. He enlisted in August, 1861, in the Eighteenth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and had been in the field about three months when he was compelled to retire on account of disability. He returned to his home, and it was nearly a year before he was able to rejoin his regiment. He found that his name had disappeared from the roll of his company, so he became a member of Company E, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, May 2, 1864.

He assisted in raising a company, of which he was made Second Lieutenant. He participated in the battle of Monoxie, Maryland, and at the expiration of his term of service was mustered out. He is a member of the G. A. R. In his religious faith he is a Methodist. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party.

Mr. Beard gives his attention to the cultivation of two excellent tracts of land, one containing 198 acres, and the other 175 acres. He has been interested in raising short-horn cattle, and has been quite successful in this branch of husbandry, and is regarded as one of the most intelligent agriculturists of Ross county.

WILSON A. TOOTLE represents one of the most influential families in the Scioto valley. His grandfather, Thomas Tootle, came from the South in early days as pioneer to a new country, then barren and uninviting. With the courage that looks not backward, and wavers not in the face of hardships, but onward to the future, he set to work. What his industry did for him is told by the close of his career when he owned a large tract of land upon which he had made many valuable improvements. He lived to an advanced age. John Tootle, his eldest son, born in 1813, seems to have inherited much of his father's thrift, for we find him in possession of the old home place, where he gradually added to his landed estate until, at his death in 1891, he had accumulated 1,500 acres. His early marriage to Rebecca Brown was blessed with five children, three of whom yet survive.

Wilson A. Tootle, the fourth of the family, was born August 10, 1846. His education was limited to the opportunities afforded in the district schools, and his youth was marked by no unusual circumstance. He continued to live in Ross county, where he has farmed and constantly prospered for more than two decades. He now owns 800 acres of excellent land, which is mostly given up to stock-raising. His politics are Democratic.

One of the important events of his life was his marriage to Miss Catherine Hardy, in 1871. Of this union four children have been born: Jay, Earl, Nye and Gay. Mrs. Tootle is a native of the Buckeye State, born in Ross county, where she has spent her entire life. She is a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Tootle possesses superior business qualifications, and, by untiring industry and indefatigable energy, has commanded the success these traits must finally attain.

MOSES STITT, one of the most highly respected citizens of Ross county, is a native of the State of Ohio, born in Fayette county, December 9, 1824. His father, John Stitt, was born in the State of New York, in the year 1800. His paternal grandfather emigrated to Ohio in a very early day and settled in Fayette county, but did not long survive after removing to this place. John Stitt was a shoemaker by trade, but for many years previous to his death was interested in the coal business. He died in Guernsey county, Ohio, in 1876. He was a man of superior executive ability and for several years was Commissioner of Fayette county. His wife was Elizabeth McCoy, a daughter of Thomas McCoy, who emigrated to Ohio from Kentucky in 1796. He was a

Pennsylvanian by birth, and the McCoys were among the very first settlers of Ross county. One member of the family built the first cabins that were erected on the present site of Chillicothe. Thomas McCoy was accompanied by his two brothers when he came to Ross county. They settled in Union township, where they passed the remainder of their lives. He lived to the advanced age of eighty-two years He served as a soldier in the war of 1812, was one of the most substantial farmers of the frontier, cleared and improved 300 acres of land and in 1808 built the first brick house in the county. He hired the use of a sawmill and sawed most of the lumber used in the construction of his residence after night. The nails were packed all the way from Kentucky, and cost twelve and a half cents per pound. The house, which has sheltered five generations, is the comfortable residence of our subject, and is in excellent repair. Elizabeth McCoy Stitt died at the age of twenty-six years, her only surviving child being the subject of this biographical notice. The father married again and had five children, and there were also children by a third and fourth marriage.

Moses Stitt was reared to the occupation of a farmer, living from babyhood with his grandfather McCoy. He received his education with the other children of pioneer parents, in the primitive log school-house with its rude furnishings and equally crude methods of instruction. He was married in 1852 to Margaret J. McCoy, a daughter of William K. McCoy, who died in Union township at the ripe old age of eighty-seven years. His death occurred December 13, 1892, and he was then living in the house in which he was born. He married Margaret Affleck, a native of Scotland, born in 1815, and came to America in her girlhood. Her mother, whose maiden name was Marianne Gladstone, was a relative of the Rt. Hon. William E. Gladstone, England's recent Premier. Mrs. McCoy survives, a resident of Chillicothe; she is the mother of ten children, five of whom survive. Mr. and Mrs. Stitt have had nine children: William A., Charles W., two children who died in infancy, Carrie, David M., Bessie, John S. and Elsie.

Both the father and mother belong to the Presbyterian Church, of which Mr. Stitt has been an Elder for many years. Formerly he took an active interest in political affairs, supporting the issues of the Republican party. He has served as Justice of the Peace of Union township for twelve years, and has also filled the office of Trustee. He has always followed the occupation of farming, and has a tract of 112 acres in a high state of cultivation. He is a man of quick intelligence, is well informed upon the topics of the day, and is worthy of the respect in which he is held.

JAMES B. McCOY was born on the farm where he still resides, in Union township, Ross county, Ohio, August 22, 1823, a son of James B. McCoy, a native of Kentucky, and grandson of Joseph McCoy, also a Kentuckian by birth. The grandfather removed to Ohio prior to the beginning of the present century, and settled in Union township, Ross county, being one of the first men to locate permanently in the Scioto valley. He was twice married, and his first wife was the first woman to be buried at Chillicothe. He died at an advanced

age. He cleared a considerable extent of land and was a useful, upright citizen. His son, James B., was a farmer by occupation and served in the war of 1812. He died at the age of sixty-eight years, in the house which is now the dwelling of our subject. For many years he was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, and bravely discharged every duty of life. He married Kittie Anderson, whose family were among the first settlers of the Scioto valley. They had twelve children. The mother died in 1840.

James B., the third in order of birth, and the only surviving member of the family, passed his boyhood in that peculiar environment of hardship and privation that has developed some of the noblest men and women that have graced the citizenship of the United States. He assisted in clearing the wild land and helped sow and reap the harvests which nature yielded in limited quantities in those early times.

He was united in marriage April 12, 1853, to Hannah Lindsay, who died in 1860, and was one of three children, two of whom lived to maturity, but are now deceased. The second-born was married in 1862 to Miss Sarah C. Robinson, a daughter of John Robinson, of Ross county. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy are the parents of four children: Mary, Margaret, Belle and Joseph R.

Mr. McCoy cast his first vote for William Henry Harrison; he later became a Republican and is a stanch supporter of the cause he has espoused. He and his wife are members of the Presbyterian Church, and he is a Trustee of that society. Mr. McCoy's farm consists of 160 acres of as choice land as lies within the Scioto valley, and is conducted after the most approved methods of modern agriculture. He is a man of wide experience and superior business qualifications, and possesses those traits which go to make up the reliable and substantial elements of society.

CHARLES HOWARD LARIMORE, one of the best known citizens of Chillicothe, was born in this city, September 3, 1856, the third son of Robert and Amelia N. (Stodard) Larimore. His father was the second son of Robert Larimore, a native of Virginia and grandson of Robert Larimore, who came from the north of Ireland, with his wife, an English woman, and settled in Romney, Hampshire county, Virginia, now West Virginia, about 1776. But little is known of him except that he was a quiet farmer. His son Robert was born October, 20, 1796, and married Mary Smith, also a native of Romney, in 1815, and had ten children,—Joseph, Sarepta, Ann, Charlotte, Robert, James, Susan, Caroline, Mary and Virginia. Of these only two, Robert and Caroline, are living. The latter was the wife of a Presbyterian minister named Williams, in Wheeling, West Virginia. He died childless, and his widow afterward married another Presbyterian minister, also named Williams; but no relative of the former. He also died, leaving her with three children,—William Hudson, Walter and Bertha.

Robert Larimore, brother of Caroline and father of the subject of this sketch, was born June 20, 1823, at the old homestead in Virginia, and with his parents moved to Muskingum county, Ohio, in 1824, and to Licking county in 1826. The father, soon after coming to Ohio, became interested in public works, about the time of the building of the Ohio canal, and took several contracts

to construct portions of the canal, near Newark and in Pike county. After completing the contracts he was waited upon by State Commissioner Williams and asked to take a special contract near Yellow Bud; it was that portion of the canal which runs along the bluffs below Westfall beside the Scioto river. Several contractors had failed in their attempts, owing to the action of the river in washing away the bank. Without hesitation Mr. Larimore took the contract on the terms offered, and by the exercise of brains and the free use of brush, to hold the soil until sufficiently high to admit of riprap succeeded where others had failed. Here his wife died, in 1831. In 1838, when his son Robert (who gives these data) was about fifteen years old, he took the contract to construct the artificial lake now known as the Celina reservoir, then called St. Mary's: it is said to be the largest artificial lake in the world, is used as a feeder for the Miami canal, and required a dam or embankment eight miles in length to hold the water. To guard against its destruction by muskrats, a solid fence of oak plank two inches thick and twelve feet high was set up along the center of the embankment for the entire length. To furnish the necessary amount of planks, Mr. Larimore shipped a portable mill from Cincinnati to the forests in that vicinity, and sent his son Robert along to act as time-keeper for the gang. Over a million feet of oak was cut into lumber and used in the manner described. A year afterward Mr. Larimore sub-let the work of completing the reservoir to Eastern parties; and took a contract to construct section 10 of the Miami canal,—a portion running a part of the way through a deep cut, and a part of the way across a valley traversed by a dry-creek bed. At first it was the intention to make a "fill" and the foundation for it was laid, when something happened that was a surprise to the "oldest inhabitant" and has never occurred since. A huge water-spout burst up the valley and the water came rolling down with one grand rush as if to make sport of the feeble efforts of man. A change of plans was at once instituted, and a huge double culvert was constructed requiring millions of cubic feet of masonry and the combined labor of over 400 men. It was here that the memorable fight occurred between the Protestant and Catholic Irish, and here, too, Mr. Larimore lost a "cool" $50,000, owing to his desire to see his men paid. He had been unable to get any money for months, the State treasury being depleted; and as a last resort he accepted $100,000 domestic bonds with which to pay off his men. As the smallest bond was for $100 this was a hard thing to do: the only banks to which he could turn were the wild-cat banks in Chillicothe and Columbus, which were afraid of State bonds, several States having just previously repudiated their debts: and at last Mr, Larimore sold his $100.000 worth of bonds to the old Chillicothe Bank and the Franklin Bank of Columbus for an even $50,000 and paid off his men.

In 1841 he moved to Columbus and started his son, Robert, in the dry-goods business with William Starling, under the firm name of Larimore & Company. In 1849 he removed to Rapids Forge, where he took charge of the iron mill, flour mill and farm; in 1855 he moved again to Chillicothe, where he died, in February, 1856, after an illness of two months, at the City House, a hotel which was run by Jacob May. A portion of the building is still

standing, and is a part of the Ross County Bank building.

Mr. Larimore was married three times. For his second wife he married Elizabeth Tate, of Martinsburg, Virginia, a daughter of Congressman Tate. She lived only six years after the marriage. For his third wife he married Mrs. Susan Stodard, daughter of Dr. John Stodard, of Virginia, who died leaving her with one child, Amelia N. Stodard; the latter became the wife of Robert Larimore, Jr. Mrs. Stodard was a daughter of Rev. Dr. Joseph Doddridge, of Wellsburg, Virginia, a descendant of the celebrated Dr. Philip Doddridge, the great divine and author of England. When he was four years of age his father and family moved from the colony of Maryland to the region between the Monongahela river and Laurel Ridge, in the year 1772,—two years previous to the Indian war led by Lord Dunmore. The son, Joseph, was returned at the age of eight years to Maryland, where he attended school a few years. He afterward became a medical practitioner, and was the first Episcopal minister west of the Allegheny mountains. He was also a noted local historian; was the author of a history of western Virginia and Pennsylvania and eastern Ohio from the year 1763 to 1783. It was published in 1824. A copy is still in the possession of the Larimore family. The house in which he wrote, built by himself, is also still standing.

By his third wife Mr. Larimore had two children, a son and a daughter. The latter married a Mr. Campbell, in Virginia: the son is Dr. Frank C. Larimore, of Mount Vernon, Ohio, with whom his mother lived after her husband's death, until she died, in 1882.

In 1849, after his father removed to Rapid Forge, Robert Larimore, Jr., sold his interest in the dry goods store and went to Cincinnati, taking a position in the postoffice under Postmaster William Oliver, who had received his appointment under President Zachary Taylor. The postoffice was kept at that time in the old Art Union building at the corner of Fourth and Sycamore streets. He held the position five years, the last year being under Postmaster Dr. Vattier, an appointee under Pierce's administration.

In 1856 he came to Chillicothe and entered the grain business, keeping a warehouse in the building now occupied by Allen Dump as a carriage factory. He did a big business, selling corn to the furnaces all over the country, and at one time, it is said, shipped out on a new boat, the Champion, the largest load of corn ever shipped on a western canal—2,400 bushels of corn in the ear. In 1872 he left the warehouse and took a clerkship in the Marfield mill. In 1889 he entered the coal business, with which he is still connected.

His father was a Henry Clay Whig; and he (the son) therefore grew up a sympathizer with the same principles; and he was one of the first Republicans in the country; but he never has had time to spend with politics. In the spring of 1863 he was elected Township Trustee of Scioto township, and again in 1894.

During the second year of his postoffice career in Cincinnati he was united in matrimony with Amelia N. Stodard, as already mentioned. Their children were: Robert, born in 1852 and died in 1854; James D., born in 1854; Emily, in 1855; Charles H., the subject of this sketch, in 1856; Fannie, in 1858; Dudley T., 1860; Mary, 1861; Robert (second), born in 1862, and died the

next year; Susan, born in 1864; Frank C., in 1866; Daisy, in 1868; John, in 1870, and died in 1875; and Reppa, born in 1872. Three of the daughters,—Susan, Daisy and Reppa—are successful teachers in the public schools; James is in business in Cincinnati; Frank is a business man of Springfield, Missouri; and Dudley, who first learned the business under Dr. Lansing, of Chillicothe, is a druggist in New York city.

Mr. Larimore, whose name introduces this sketch, attended the public schools in Chillicothe, and at the age of fifteen accepted a position as office boy with the Union Coal Company, of Chillicothe. His honesty and industrious habits won the esteem of his employers, resulting in bringing him the position of head bookkeeper, his present vocation.

November 6, 1877, he married Miss Kate Hahn, a native of Chillicothe, and a daughter of Philip Hahn and Margaret *née* Uhrig. They have three children,—Minnie, Ada and Charles H., Jr.

MARTIN V. BRIGGS has been a life-long resident of Ross county, Ohio, belonging to a family prominently identified with her early history. He was born in Concord township, October 20, 1836, a son of Charles Briggs, who was born in 1806. The paternal grandfather, Joseph Briggs, a Virginian, emigrated to Ohio the first part of this century and located in Concord township, Ross county. He died at the age of forty-seven years, his death being caused by a stroke of lightning. Charles Briggs lived to the age of seventy-three years. He was a farmer by occupation and was a thoroughly self-made man. He married Catherine Mallows, who was born in Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, in 1812, her family being among the first settlers of the county. She died at the age of seventy-seven years, the mother of twelve children, ten of whom grew to maturity; five sons and three daughters are still living.

Martin V. Briggs, the eldest living member of the family, passed his childhood amid the simple, unconventional surroundings of a pioneer home, and his first lessons were learned under the eye of the typical frontier schoolmaster. For a short time he was a student in the Ohio Wesleyan University, during which period he made most excellent use of his opportunities. In August, 1862, he became a member of Company K, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served until the cessation of hostilities. He was made Sergeant March 1, 1865, and was honorably discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio. He was in every battle in which his regiment participated, but was never in an ambulance during the war. Besides many noted battles he took his place in the march to the sea, was present at Johnston's surrender; and was in the grand review at Washington, District of Columbia. At the battle of Chickamauga he received a slight wound in the hand.

Returning to his home he engaged in the more peaceful occupation of agriculture. He was married in 1868 to Miss Mary M. Dunlop, the daughter of Virginia parents. She was a resident of Iowa for thirteen years and enjoyed excellent educational facilities in her girlhood. After his marriage Mr. Briggs settled on a portion of the old homestead, and in 1874 removed to South Union township, where he has since lived. Mr. and Mrs. Briggs are the parents of five

children: Major L., Charles, deceased; Martha J., Harry A. and Blanche C., all of whom enjoyed superior educational advantages. The farm on which Mr. Briggs lives consists of 521 acres, excellently improved and in an advanced state of cultivation. He gives especial attention to the raising of corn and wheat and is very successful in this branch of husbandry. Politically he affiliates with the Democratic party, and has twice been nominated Representative by that body. He is a member of the Masonic order, to which he has belonged since 1865; he also belongs to the G. A. R. and to the Order of Elks. He is a man of strict integrity and well worthy of the confidence universally reposed in him.

JOHN WESLEY LONG, Deputy Auditor of Pike county, was born on the home farm of his father in Camp creek township, January 23, 1852, the son of Jacob and Margaret (Myers) Long. He was brought up on his father's farm, attending the common schools until he was twenty-one years of age, after which he attended the normal school at Mount Joy, Ohio, two terms. Then, securing a certificate to teach, he became a district school teacher for two years. Next for a term of four months he attended a private school at Sedan, Ohio, taught by a well-known educator, A. W. Maxwell. After the close of the term at Sedan, he attended the normal school at Idaho, Ohio, two terms, after which he taught in district schools in various parts of Pike county for five years, with the exception of the year 1883, when he had a school in Warren county. In the summer of 1886 he attended the Piketon Normal School, taught by Professor I. N. Jones, a graduate of Lebanon College, after which he taught one year in the public schools of Piketon. In November, 1890, he accepted his present position in the Auditor's office of Pike county, under John T. Adams.

August 9, 1882, he was united in marriage with Kate E. Collings, a daughter of James Collings, who was a prominent attorney of Pike county, and died leaving Mrs. Long and her sister, Mrs. N. G. Phillips, orphans when quite small. His family consisted of four children, two of whom preceded him tc the tomb, William Cole and N. Guthrie. Mrs. Long's mother before marriage was Adah J. Cole; she was a daughter of James Cole, who died on his farm, two and one-half miles below Vanceburg, Kentucky, near the beginning of the civil war. Three children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Long; Adah Mary P. and Alfred Adams, living; and the eldest, Arthur, died in infancy in Warren county, Ohio.

Jacob Long, the father of the subject of this sketch, was born in eastern Pennsylvania in 1808, the son of Joseph Long, whose father came from England in the eighteenth century, and whose mother was a native of Germany. His wife was a Dieterich, a native of Pennsylvania. Jacob Long married Margaret Myers, also a native of Pennsylvania, born in 1810. After her marriage to Jacob Long she removed with her husband and one child to Ohio, in 1832, settling in Franklin county, near Columbus. After about two years Mr. Long bought a farm in the Scioto valley, in Scioto county, a part of which farm is now owned by Elias Simpson. On account of the prevalence of ague in the bottom lands, they finally moved to the valley of Camp creek, and settled on a

farm where they reared their family, and where Mrs. Long died, in 1874, and Mr. Long in 1880. During his latter years he became quite prominent as a local politician. He held the office of Justice of the Peace for a period of six years, was a Democrat, and held important places in the councils of his party in Pike county. His children were: Emily, who was born in Pennsylvania and married Hugh Adams, and lives at Mount Joy, Ohio, and has eight children; John T., Auditor of Pike county; Mary, Marion, Malina, Sarah, Elvira and Elmina (twins), and William. Mr. Long's next child was Etta, who married John Wallace, and is living in Newport, Kentucky, and had two children, Samuel and William. James, eldest son of Jacob Long, married Julia Bare, and died in 1879, leaving two children, John W. and Wylie; William, who married Catharine Starritt, and owns and occupies the home farm, has four children,—Mary, Cora, Lafayette and Robert; and John W., the younger son, and subject of this sketch. Mr. Long is a man of retiring disposition, has attained some prominence as a politician, and made a conspicuous mark as an educator, and is one of the leading citizens of Pike county.

EDWARD P. SMITH, of the firm of Story & Smith, leading dry goods merchants of Chillicothe, and one of Ross county's principal business men, was born in New Albany, Indiana, March 12, 1844, the son of Edward and Sarah (Betterton) Smith. His father was a native of New York State, springing from good New England stock, went to sea when a young man and rose in position to be finally captain of a vessel, and later in life formed a partnership with J. Q. A. Smith (no relative but a brother-in-law), and purchased two steamboats, which they ran on the Mississippi, Ohio and tributary rivers. Rates for transportation were high and they did an extensive business, when the partnership was suddenly cut short by a fatal accident to the Captain. His boat being without guard rails, he was thrown overboard one dark night, while on watch duty, by a sudden lurch of the boat. He was an expert swimmer, but the paddle wheel knocked him senseless and he was drowned. He was a prominent member of the I. O. O. F., and his brethren in the fraternity offered large rewards for the recovery of his body; it was found months afterward, and his skull plainly showed where he had received the blow which caused his death. He was buried at New Albany, the city of his residence. At his death he left a wife and two children. The children were, Margaret, who died in childhood, and the subject of this sketch. After his death Mrs. Smith remained at New Albany until her marriage to D. D. Dunning, of New York city, a manufacturer of carriages and buggies in New Albany, where they both died of cholera in 1852, within a few days of each other, leaving one son, Albert Dunning, who is now a machinist in Owensboro, Kentucky.

Mr. E P. Smith attended school in New Albany until thirteen years old, when he began as a clerk in the dry-goods store of J. K. Woodward at New Albany. Three years afterward the business was purchased by Hiram Lindley and Mr. Smith remained with him for a while. Subsequently he was employed by C. F. Kendall, of the same city, until he was twenty-one years of age, when he went to Cleveland, Ohio, and

was offered a position in the store of Taylor, Killpatrick & Company, now D. M. Taylor & Sons. After a stay of one month in Cleveland he was persuaded by an acquaintance to come to Chillicothe, and on the 11th of the month accepted a position in the store of R. B. Smart, dealer in dry-goods and carpets, where he continued for seven years and a half. While thus engaged he sold in one year $26,500 worth of goods, the largest year's sales ever made at retail by one man in Chillicothe.

On February 1, 1875, he formed his present partnership with C. W. Story, the firm being at first located in the Odd Fellows' building, just opposite their present location. They continued in business there until 1880, when they moved to their present quarters. They occupy a three-story brick building, 25 x 200 feet, carrying a full stock of goods in their line, both imported and domestic, consisting of dry-goods, carpets, curtains and notions, worth from $35,000 to $40,000.

October 7, 1868, is the date of Mr. Smith's marriage to Eliza J. Butts, of Chillicothe, who was born in Waverly, Pike county, Ohio, a daughter of John and Anna M. (Brothers) Butts. Mr. and Mrs. Smith have had four children, only one of whom is living, Edna E. They are members of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Smith is a charter member of Lodge No. 28, K. of P., in which he has passed all the chairs. He is also a member of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, B. P. O. E., of the Royal Arcanum and of the National Union. He has been Treasurer of the Chillicothe School Board.

During the last war he enlisted, in October, 1864, in Company H, One hundred and Thirty-ninth Indiana Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Abner Lee; and afterward he again enlisted and served an additional 100 days, in the same capacity. He is a member of A. L. Brown Post, G. A. R.

He ranks among the leading business men and citizens of Chillicothe.

TRUMAN HUFF HOLMES, M. D., belongs to an old and distinguished family, noted especially for the number of physicians it has produced. At this writing it has thirteen practicing physicians.

Dr. Truman Huff Holmes was born in the town in which he now lives,—Hillsborough, Ohio, September 14, 1866, twin brother of Dr. A. Julian Holmes, son of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Holmes, and grandson of Dr. Enos H. Holmes. Grandfather Holmes was a native of Scotland. He possessed the sterling characteristics of his countrymen, was skilled in his profession, and was a man of high standing. Dr. A. Julian Holmes is now located at Westminster, British Columbia. When Truman H. and his brother were about one year old they were placed in the home of their uncle, Norman Julian, at Circleville, Pickaway county, Ohio, and not long afterward their mother died. Her maiden name was Julian.

Our subject continued to reside with his uncle until 1884, and up to that time his educational advantages were limited, his time being employed in work on his uncle's farm. In February, 1884, he entered the Hillsborough public school, and in two years passed through all the departments of that school. He began to read medicine in 1885. In 1887 he entered the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, where he received his degree, ranking second in a class of over seventy-five, in the spring of 1889. The

last year he was in college he was the recipient of a medal for his proficiency in surgery. After his graduation he came at once to Hillsborough and took desk room in his father's office, but conducted an entirely independent practice. In June, 1893, he opened a separate office and took in as partner Dr. Mequillet, since which time they have done a successful practice under the firm name of Holmes & Mequillet.

Dr. Holmes is at present a member of the United States Board of Pension Examiners. He is identified with the I. O. O. F. and A. O. U. W., and in politics is a Democrat.

EDWIN CALDWELL, of Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio, was born here May 26, 1834, and all his life has been indentified with the agricultural interests of the county. He is now ranked with the largest land owners in this part of the State, being the owner of more than 2,000 acres of land in Jefferson township.

Mr. Caldwell's father, Smiley Caldwell, was born near Wheeling, West Virginia; his mother, *née* Anna E. Ritteman, also in Virginia. They came to Ross county, Ohio, when quite young, and in this county were subsequently married. Mrs. Caldwell, by a previous marriage to Thomas McNeal, had several children, of whom five reached maturity. After Mr. McNeal's death, she became the wife of Smiley Caldwell, and they settled in Jefferson township. They had a family of four children, a brief record of whom is as follows: Jacob, a Captain in the Ninety-first Ohio Regiment, died in a hospital in Frederick City, Maryland, during the war; Sarah J., wife of J. C. Grubb; Edwin, whose name heads this article; and George R. Smiley Caldwell and his wife both died in Jefferson township. He was a man who attended strictly to his own business. He followed agricultural pursuits all his life, met with more than ordinary success, and accumulated a large fortune.

Edwin Caldwell grew up on his father's farm in Jefferson township, and has followed in the footsteps of his honored father, devoting his energies to agricultural pursuits. Besides the 2,000 acres of land he owns in this township, he has a tract of land equally as large in Nodaway county, Missouri. He has been identified with the Republican party ever since it was organized, and has all his life taken an active interest in political affairs. In his religious views he is broad and liberal.

Mr. Caldwell was married in Jefferson township to Miss Martha J. Davis, a daughter of Rev. John H. Davis, a minister in the the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her father died in the Indian Territory. Her mother was, before marriage, Miss Elizabeth Strong. Mrs. Davis died in Jefferson township, this county. Mr. and Mrs. Caldwell are the parents of five children, viz.: Charles D., who married Mary Jones, is engaged in farming and stock-raising in Nodaway county, Missouri; John H., also engaged in farming and stock-raising in Nodaway county; Eva, wife of S. H. Beery; Jacob S., who married Miss Bertha Orr; and Letitia J., who died at Asheville, North Carolina, July 11, 1893.

ABEL SEYMOUR CUNNINGHAM, a young attorney of Chillicothe, was born in Front Royal, Warren county, Virginia, January 23, 1858.

His father, Solomon G. Cunningham, was a native of Hardy county, Virginia

(now West Virginia), and married Mary C. Buck, a native of Warren county, mentioned. Mary C. Buck, the wife of Solomon G. Cunningham, was the daughter of Isaac N. Buck and Susan *née* Taylor. Susan Taylor was the daughter of Manly Taylor. Isaac N. Buck was the son of Thomas Buck and Ann *née* Richardson. Thomas Buck was the son of Charles Buck, an Englishman, who settled in the valley of Virginia in 1730. He married Mrs. Wilcox, *née* Soul. Solomon G. Cunningham was the son of Solomon, and grandson of William Cunningham, a wealthy land owner in the early history of Virginia. He was the son of Scott Cunningham, who came from Scotland and was a descendant of William Cunningham, of Glen Cairn. Solomon Cunningham married Catherine Seymour, who was born May 22, 1786: she was the eldest daughter of Abel Seymour, who was born in May, 1760, and died in 1823. Abel Seymour married Ann Van Meter. Abel Seymour was the son of Colonel Felix Seymour, the progenitor of the race in America, who was born in the north of Ireland in 1727, and came to Virginia with his father when he was twelve years old. His father's mission in America was to look up the advantages to be attained in the New World with a view of bringing other settlers to this country. Satisfied with his investigations, he left his boy Felix in the care of of a hospitable gentleman named Renick, and set sail for Ireland, but he was never heard from afterward, and it is supposed that he was lost at sea. He was a branch of the English Seymour family. Left to himself young Felix Seymour grew up with the Renick family, and finally married a daughter of Mr. Renick, who was the grandmother of Catherine Seymour.

Mr. Seymour Cunningham, the subject of this sketch, was educated at the University of Virginia and afterward attended the Law School of Cincinnati, Ohio, graduating in the class of 1881–2. He began the practice of law at Washington Court House, Ohio, and in 1889 eame to Chillicothe and formed his present partnership with John I. Van Meter one year later, and here he has since been engaged in the practice of his profession.

The most of his early life was spent in Covington, Kentucky, where he received his early education in the public schools. preparing for college under a private tutor.

JACOB DU BOIS, who owns and occupies one of the finest farms in Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio, is a man whose position in the county entitles him to some personal mention in its history.

Henry G. Du Bois, the father of this gentleman, was born in Ulster county, New York, February 3, 1797, and in that county made his home until he came west and settled in Ross county, Ohio. He was a farmer all his life. He was married in his native county, October 12, 1837, to Eliza Ransom, who was born there, January 2, 1803. The year following their marriage they settled in Jefferson township, Ross county, Ohio, which place continued to be their home up to the time of death, both passing away in 1883, she on the 24th of July, and he on the 14th of November. They had two children, Mary E., who died September 4, 1855, aged sixteen years, and Jacob.

Jacob DuBois, the only living member of this family, was born in the township in

which he now lives, July 20, 1841. He was reared on his father's farm and his whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He owns a fine farm of several hundred acres, which is well improved with a fine residence and other substantial buildings.

He was married in Liberty township, Ross county, Ohio, April 5, 1866, to Miss Margaret Jones, a daughter of the late Joshua and Elizabeth (Ross) Jones, who were among the old settlers of the county. They died in Liberty township. Mrs. DuBois was born in Liberty township, January 28, 1844. Mr. and Mrs. DuBois have five children, Henry J., Mary E., Eliza A., Gertrude R. and Jacob E. Henry J. married Miss Daisy Foster.

GEORGE BAUM is another one of the well-to-do farmers of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio.

He was born in Madison township, Pickaway county, Ohio, January 16, 1821. His father, Christian Baum, a native of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, was one of the pioneers of Pickaway county, this State, where he lived for many years and where he died in 1863. Christian Baum's wife, *neé* Sarah Shook, was born in Pennsylvania and died in Pickaway county, Ohio. They had seven children, Joseph, George, Lewis, Elizabeth, John, Mary and Jacob.

George Baum was reared to manhood in his native county, on his father's farm, and continued to live there until the fall of 1843, when he removed to Ross county and settled in Twin township. He has since been a resident of this place, and all these years he has been an honest tiller of the soil. He owns a fine farm of 255 acres, which is well improved with good buildings, etc.

December 21, 1848, Mr. Baum was married in this county to Miss Mary Ann Recob, who was born September 18, 1826, and who bore him eight children: Christian, Mary Jane, Sarah A., Rosabell, George F., Catherine and John E. One, Ida M., died in infancy. The mother of these children departed this life March 19, 1870, and December 24, 1874, Mr. Baum married his present companion. Her maiden name was Mary J. Hanna, at the time of her marriage to Mr. Baum she was the widow of a Mr. Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Baum have one child, James I.

Mr. Baum votes with the Republican party, and is an earnest and active member of the Presbyterian Church.

ANDREW CLARK WEST belongs to a family who have long been identified with the farming interests of Ohio.

Joseph L. West, the father of Andrew C., was born in Pike county, Ohio, May 14, 1819, son of Jonathan West, a native of Virginia, and grandson of Benjamin West, also a native of the Old Dominion. Jonathan West and his father came from Virginia to Pike county, Ohio, at an early day, where both spent the rest of their lives and died. Joseph L. West remained in Pike county until 1866, when he moved up into Ross county and settled in Paxton township, where he has since carried on farming operations on an extensive scale, being the owner of 1,400 acres of land. He was married in Highland county, Ohio, June 2,

1842, to Miss Mary Ferneau, who was born in that county, March 12, 1820, daughter of the late Henry Ferneau, and died June 30, 1878. The names of their children are as follows: Julia, wife of E. C. Penn; Henry M., who married Miss Eubanks; John O., who married Miss Julia Freg; Flora, wife of Mahlon Ferneau; Andrew Clark; and Benjamin, who married Miss Lillie Taylor.

Andrew C. West was born in Pike county, Ohio, September 28, 1859, and there spent the first seven years of his life. In 1866 he came with his parents to the township in which he has since lived. His father being a farmer, he engaged in that occupation in early life and has ever since devoted his energies to it.

Mr. West has been twice married. September 21, 1882, he married Eliza Ferneau, who died here in Paxton township, November 30, 1883. March 6, 1889, he was again married, this time to Miss Elizabeth Felton, daughter of Hiram and Eliza Felton. She was born in McArthur, Vinton county, Ohio, January, 1865. They have two children, Kathleen and an unnamed infant.

Mr. West is a Democrat, and has taken an active part in local affairs, having served as Township Trustee and Land Appraiser.

SIMON R. DIXON, a farmer of Liberty township, is a son of Joseph and Winnie S. (Walker) Dixon, the former born in Liberty township in 1814, and the latter in Loudoun county, Virginia, in 1815. The parents were married in Ross county, Ohio, immediately located in Liberty township, and remained here until their death, the mother dying in 1870, and the father in November, 1874. The latter followed the milling business for forty years. The grandfather of our subject, Joseph Dixon, came from North Carolina to Ross county, Ohio, in 1804. He built what is now known as the Dixon Mills, located in Liberty township, which he conducted until his death. The mill then passed into the hands of Joseph and Abel Dixon, who remained together during their lifetime, and Joseph Dixon then conducted the mill until his death. Joseph and Winnie Dixon were the parents of ten children, viz: Letitia, deceased; John, a farmer of Moultrie county, Illinois; Simon R., our subject; J. Riley, who died in the army, having been Lieutenant of Company D, Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry; Mahlon L., deceased; Winnie, of Wilmington, Ohio; Ruth, deceased; Martha, a resident of Dayton; Columbus and Fulton.

Simon R. Dixon, the subject of this memoir, was born in Liberty township, Ross county, Ohio, September 5, 1836. He remained with his father until marriage, after which he spent five years in Eagle township, Vinton county, this State, and then came to his present place in Liberty township. He now owns a farm of 176 acres, on which are a fine dwelling and other buildings. Mr. Dixon has been connected with the Republican party since its organization. He has served two terms, of six years, as Commissioner of Ross county, filled the office of Township Trustee several years, and has held many other important positions. During the late war he served as Captain in a "home guard" organization.

Mr. Dixon was united in marriage with Mary A. Jones, a native of Liberty township, and a daughter of the late Joshua

Jones, of this place. Our subject and wife have twelve children, namely: Ella, wife of Prof. Reynold Janney; Alma, wife of Charles S. Jones; Minnie, now Mrs. Chauncey DuBois; Charles W., Anna, Libbie, Edwin, Ethel, Vernie W., Harry, Grace and Edith. One daughter, Mary F., died in childhood. Mr. and Mrs. Dixon are members of the Society of Friends, in which the former is a leader and prominent worker.

HENRY S. DU BOIS, a representative business man of Ross county, is the eldest son of the late Solomon Du Bois. He was born on the old homestead in Jefferson township, where his mother still resides, August 8, 1844, was reared to manhood there, and received as good a common-school education as was afforded in those early days. At the age of twenty years he came to Vigo, where he conducted his father's tannery one year, after which he purchased the entire plant, and has carried on the business without cessation. At one time his was the only tannery in the county, about twelve in number, that did not suspend business. For three years, in partnership with David Climer, Mr. Du Bois was also engaged in the milling business, and since 1881 has given special attention to the breeding of thoroughbred Jersey cattle, having a herd numbering from sixty to 100 head. For ten years he held the office of Township Trustee. Our subject has a beautiful residence in Vigo, containing all the comforts and luxuries of life, and he is now numbered among the many upright and honorable business men of Ross county.

Mr. Du Bois was married at Kingston, Ohio, October 15, 1867, to Miss Sophia Cordrey, a native of Ross county, and a daughter of William and Malinda (Barnett) Cordrey, early settlers of this county.

Chauncey Du Bois, the only son of Henry S. and Sophia Du Bois, was born in Ross county, and since reaching mature years has been connected with his father in business. He was married in Liberty township, November 5, 1890, to Miss Minnie Dixon, who was born here February 4, 1866, a daughter of Simon R. and Mary A. (Jones) Dixon. This union has been blessed with one son, Hermón H., who was born in Vigo, February 3, 1892.

JOSHUA M. McKENZIE, another one of the substantial farmers and highly respected men of Twin township, Ross county, Ohio, was born in this township, December 11, 1848. He is a son of Eli McKenzie, deceased, who was born in Maryland, and grandson of Joshua McKenzie, a native of Scotland. Eli McKenzie was married in Ross county, Ohio, to Mary Kemper, and after their marriage they settled in Twin township, where they spent the rest of their lives and died, her death occurring in 1850, his in 1874. They had three children: Mary J., Joshua M. and Ada.

Joshua M. McKenzie was reared and educated in his native township, and has been engaged in farming here nearly all his life, meeting with uniform success in his operations, and to-day being ranked with the most prosperous men of the Scioto valley. His fine farm comprises 400 acres of land, and is well improved with good buildings, etc.

Mr McKenzie was married December 16, 1869, to Miss Mary J. Coover, a native

of this county, who died January 1, 1876. Her two children, Bertha and Edith, died in childhood. August 29, 1882, Mr. McKenzie married for his second wife Miss Mattie Newman, who was born March 1, 1857, daughter of the late Howard Newman, who came from Virginia to Ohio and settled in Paxton township, Ross county. Mr. Newman died in Twin township. This marriage has resulted in the birth of four children: Jessie, Edna, Florence and Wilber.

Mr. McKenzie takes a fair degree of interest in local and political affairs, and affiliates with the Democratic party. He and his wife are sincere members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

SOLOMON DUBOIS, deceased, formerly a farmer of Jefferson township, was born in Ulster county, New York, June 18, 1810. He grew to manhood and continued to reside in his native place until he came to Ross county, Ohio, in 1837, in company with his brother, the late Henry G. DuBois. When a young man of twenty-two years, April 12, 1832, in Ulster county, Mr. DuBois was united in marriage with Maria Lefever, who was born in that county September 6, 1810. That union was blessed with three children, all of whom died in infancy. Death also removed the wife and mother, and in 1843 Mr. DuBois returned to Ulster county. May 3, of that year, he married Miss Maria DuBois, who was also born in that county, November 25, 1814. He returned to Ross county with his bride, and continued to live in Jefferson township until his death, which occurred April 15, 1891. "Friend after friend departs; Who hath not lost a friend?" Mr. and Mrs. DuBois had four children,—Henry S., Jonathan D., Solomon E. and Mary C. Mrs. DuBois, who still survives her husband, is a genial and motherly lady now well advanced in life. Since twenty-six years of age she has been connected with the Dutch Reformed Church.

Solomon E. DuBois, who conducts his mother's farm,—of more than 250 acres,—was born in Jefferson township, Ross county, September 5, 1849. June 18, 1872, he married Miss Sarah J. Jones, also a native of this county, and they had two children,—Florence, wife of S. E. Hanna; and Solomon F. The wife and mother died October 8, 1881, in Nebraska, where Mr. DuBois had removed in the fall of 1879. Two years afterward he located in Nodaway county, Missouri, but in the fall of 1891 returned to his old home in Jefferson township. February 13, 1890, he was again married in Ross county to Candace Hanna, and they have one son, Wilbur H.

JOHN UMSTED, one of the representative citizens and well-to-do farmers of Springfield township Ross county, Ohio, is a native of this county and has all his life been identified with its interests.

Mr. Umsted's father, Bazel Umsted, was one of the earliest settlers of Ross county, he and his father, David Umsted, having emigrated hither from Maryland and setfled in Green township, where both died, grandfather Umsted at an advanced age, and Bazel Umsted at the age of fifty-two. Bazel Umsted married Julia A. Haynes, a sister of George Haynes, of Springfield township,

this county. She, too, died in Green township, her age at death being seventy-four years. They had a family of six sons: John, the subject of our sketch; George; William, who died in the army; David, a farmer residing in Green township, this county; Addison, a farmer in Fayette county, Ohio; and Norris, engaged in farming in Will county, Illinois.

John Umsted was born in Green township, this county, June 10, 1838, and was reared on his father's farm, and, like his father, has devoted all his energies to agricultural pursuits. He owns 140 acres of land, the improvements of which are all first-class.

Mr. Umsted was married in Delaware county, Ohio, February 5, 1863, to Miss Sarah Dunn, daughter of John and Sarah Dunn. The Dunn family removed from Delaware county to Ross county in 1860, and here Mr. Dunn still resides, his wife having passed away at an advanced age. Mr. and Mrs. Umsted are the parents of seven children: William, Charles, Grace, George, Lulu, Bessie and Sadie. The two older sons are married and settled in life, William having married Jane Streeny, and Charles, Miss Addie Andrews.

Mr. Umsted is a man of broad and progressive views, is well posted on the current events, and, in short, is a man who thinks for himself. He has long been identified with the Republican party.

JAMES K. EMMITT, the proprietor of Emmitt's Hat and Furnishing Emporium, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born here April 22, 1862.

His paternal great-grandfather, James Emmitt, emigrated from the north of Ireland to America, and located in Armstrong county, Pennsylvania, whence he removed to Pike county, Ohio, in 1812, and settled on a tract of land two miles north of Waverly. He died soon after. One of his sons, James Emmitt, married Louisa Martin, who was born near Waverly, a daughtey of Pennsylvania-German parents. He was a man of more than ordinary ability and intelligence. Starting as poor boy, he worked his way up in life until he became one of the wealthiest men of his State and a leader of his day, and was honored by a seat in Congress. He traveled all over Europe. He had six sons that reached adult age: Joseph, James, George, Floyd, Hank and David. Floyd Emmitt engaged with his father in the distilling and malting business. He is now a resident of Chillicothe. He married Miss Cornelia Cummins, of Portsmouth, Ohio, and they have had children as follows: James and Samuel, who died in infancy; Floyd, who was accidentally killed in 1893, at the age of twenty-two years; Harriet and James K.

James K. Emmitt was educated in the common and high schools of Chillicothe, and after completing his education was employed in the transient sign-painting business for three years. Then he went to Chicago, in the National Advertising service, and remained with that company until December, 1893. In March, 1894, he opened his present business. Here he carries a full and complete line of hats, caps and men's furnishing goods.

Mr. Emmitt was married June 11, 1889, to Miss Ada Wallace, a native of Chillicothe, and a daughter of Augustus Wallace, a capitalist of this city. She is of Scotch-Irish descent. Her mother's maiden name was Elizabeth McGannis. Mr. and Mrs.

Emmitt have one child; Maud Wallace Emmitt.

Mr. Emmitt is a member of the B. P. O. E., Chillicothe Lodge, No. 52. He is a man of the strictest integrity and enjoys the confidence of all who know him.

JOHN C. FOSTER. one of the wealthy farmers of Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio, forms the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Foster's father, the late Thomas C. Foster, was a son of John Foster, who emigrated from Virginia or Maryland—it is not certain which—to Ohio in the early settlement of this part of the country, and located in Franklin township, Ross county. Here, in 1813, Thomas C. Foster was born. When he grew up he was united in marriage to Jane E. Davis, daughter of the late John Davis, one of the early settlers of Franklin township. She died in 1852, and her husband survived her until December, 1882. They had six children, Martha, James C., Hannah, John C., William and George.

John C., the fourth of the family, was born in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio, January 4, 1847. He was reared in his native township and, with the exception of six years he spent in Scioto county, this State, he has been a resident of Franklin township all his life, and he has always been engaged in farming. He has a fine brick residence on his farm, has other convenient and substantial improvements, and is the owner of between 500 and 600 acres.

Mr. Foster was married in Pike county, Ohio, August 16, 1867, to Mary E. Foster, daughter of Joseph and Amanda (McMillin) Foster, her parents still being residents of Pike county. Her maternal grandfather's name was Alexander McMillin. She was born October 11, 1846. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Foster are the parents of seven children: Herbert W., Jennie E., William C., Emma W., John C., Jr., Joseph and Charles J. They also lost four children. Their daughter Jennie E. is now the wife of J. H. Higby.

ISRAEL BEIDEMAN, a prominent contractor of Chillicothe, was born on the parental farmstead, ten miles northeast of Norristown, Montgomery county, Pennsylvania, August 8, 1830, son of George and Mary A. (Hensing) Beideman, the former of whom was a weaver by trade, a native of Berks county, Pennsylvania; his father, also named George, was a farmer and was an active participant in the war of 1812. Mary Beiderman, *nee* Hensing was born in Montgomery county, and was a daughter of Henry Hensing, who was a prominent farmer of that county and a native of Germany. George and Mary A. Beidman were the parents of four sons and and one daughter. The sons were: Israel, subject of this review; Daniel, a chairmaker, of Reading, Pennsylvania; William, a resident of Chillicothe, and a painter by trade; and Henry, who is a resident of Philadelphia.

Israel Beideman worked on the farm with his father until 1847, after which he served an apprenticeship at the cabinet-maker's trade, in Fairview, Montgomery county. After a service of three years he received a salary of twenty dollars per annum and his board, being also granted the privilege of working two weeks for farmers during the haying and harvest seasons, for which latter services he received fifty cents per day. Mr.

Beideman learned to make the finest rosewood chairs and parlor furniture, and also acquired the art of fine hand carving, as well as upholstering and veneering,—all portions of the work being done by hand. It is needless to state that at the present time there are few mechanics that are capable of turning out such work by the old method, inasmuch as machinery has supplanted the skilled artisan.

His mother having died in the meantime, in 1850 he went to Philadelphia, where he worked at his trade until the fall of the succeeding year, residing with his father, who had again married. In the fall of 1852 he went to Boston, Massachusetts, where he followed his trade until May, 1852, when he returned to Philadelphia. In 1855 he determined to try his fortunes in the West, locating in Chillicothe, where he remained until May, 1857, when he went to Chicago, where he worked for a time in a mill, after which he secured work at the carpenter's trade, with which he became thoroughly conversant. In the fall of 1857 he went to Providence, Louisiana, and was occupied at carpentering until June of the following year, when he once more granted indulgence to his roving disposition and went to Louisville, Kentucky, and thence to Cincinnati. After a brief sojourn in the latter city he returned to Philadelphia, where he remained until August, 1858, when he returned to Chillicothe and joined his former employer in the cabinet-making business. In February, 1859, he formed a partnership with a fellow workman and continued successfully in the same line of enterprise.

January 12, 1860, Mr. Beideman was united in marriage to Miss Julia A. McAdow, who was born in Chillicothe, a daughter of Dr. Samuel and Margaret A. (Kirkpatrick) McAdow, both of whom were natives of Chillicothe. The latter, the date of whose birth was August 31, 1801, was the second female white child born in the town, her sister, Polly, having borne off the first honors in this regard. Mrs. McAdow, who has now passed her ninetieth milestone, has made her home with her son-in-law, our subject, since the death of her venerable husband, in 1881. She was twice married, her first husband having been Hugh Stinson, who was born in 1795 and whose life was devoted to agricultural pursuits. He came to Ohio with his father, James Stinson, who had passed his younger days on the Jersey shoals. The latter kept a tavern about six miles south of Chillicothe, on the pike, the inn being a notable resort in early days. Hugh Stinson died in August, 1825, leaving a widow and one daughter. The latter, Mary J., married John McAdow, a brother of her mother's second husband, thus entailing one of those peculiar marital relationships so difficult to trace.

John and Samuel McAdow were both born in Chillicothe, sons of Dr. Samuel McAdow, who went from Chillicothe as a surgeon in the war of 1812. He was a native of Scotland and came to Baltimore, Maryland, with his father; he was one of the first physicians and surgeons in Chillicothe, and was a man of high attainments and professional ability. Margaret A. McAdow was a daughter of John and Nancy (Johnston) Kirkpatrick, who were born in Pennsylvania, where they grew to maturity and were married. They came to Chillicothe in 1795, and in 1804 removed to a farm three miles south of this place; there they remained until 1825, when they once more took up their residence in Chillicothe, where they passed the residue of their days.

In their religious belief they were Presbyterians. John Kirkpatrick was a son of Joseph and Anne Kirkpatrick, the former of whom owned a large tract of land in Ohio, being one of the early and prominent pioneers of the Buckeye State.

As a citizen and a business man our subject holds a representative position, being honored and esteemed by the residents of that community where so many years of his useful life have been passed, and to whose prosperity and development he has contributed his due quota.

JUDGE JOSEPH CLIFFORD DOUGLAS, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born in this city, September 11, 1855, son of Dr. Albert Douglas and Annie M. (Sill) Douglas, both natives of Chillicothe, and both still living.

Dr. Albert Douglas is a son of Richard and Mary (Butler) Douglas, both natives of the East, his birth having occurred in New London, Connecticut. Both came to Ohio at an early day. He read law and was admitted to the bar at Lancaster, Ohio, and it was there that they were married. Soon after their marriage they came to Chillicothe. They had two sons, Albert and Luke, the latter adopting his father's profession. Richard Douglas was one of the most distinguished lawyers, perhaps, that ever practiced at the bar of Ross county. He was a man of fine appearance, native shrewdness and wit, possessed a fine mind and a wonderful amount of magnetism, and these qualities combined to make him an orator. He died in 1852, at the age of sixty-one years, and his wife survived him until 1857. She, too, possessed rare qualities of mind and had an excellent education, and her amiable disposition won for her many friends. Dr. Albert Douglas and wife have five children, namely: Mary S., wife of George Sedgwick, a lawyer, at present residing in Paris, France, their children being Nannie, Bertha and Alice; Albert A., a lawyer of Chillicothe, married Miss Lulu Taylor, of Brooklyn, New York, and has two children, Grace and Richard; Judge Joseph C.; Joshua H., who represents the Campbell printing press and is the St. Louis agent; and Miss Anna Douglas.

Judge Douglas, during his boyhood, was much troubled with his eyes, and, as a result, he attended school irregularly. His father was president of the Chillicothe Bank for a number of years, and when the son could not be in school he spent his time as bank messenger and collector, instead of being idle. He finally prepared himself for college at Gambier, Knox county, Ohio, and when he was ready to enter college his eyes gave out and his plans were thwarted. Sometime afterward he secured a position as bookkeeper of the Zaleski Coal Company, Zaleski, Ohio, where he remained six months. He then returned home and about this time had a long siege of typhoid fever. Upon his recovery he clerked in the dry-goods store of Thomas Woodrow and Robert Smart, remaining with them some two years. Next we find him acting as bookkeeper for Marfield & Mussie, grain merchants and the leading dealers in their line in the Scioto valley. He continued with them until the spring of 1881. Previous to this time, however, he had begun the study of law under the instructions of Judge Thaddeus Minshall, at present one of the Supreme Judges of Ohio, who was at that time Common Pleas Judge of Chillicothe. In the fall 1881 he entered the senior class of the

Cincinnati Law School, and was admitted to the bar with the class of 1882.

Upon completing his law course, the subject of our sketch entered upon the practice of his profession in Chillicothe and has been identified with this place ever since. In 1885 he formed a partnership with Judge B. F. Stone, which partnership continued until February 9, 1894. In November, 1893, he was elected Judge of the Common Pleas Court in the second subdivision in the Fifth Judicial District.

Judge Douglas was married, January 5, 1888, to Miss Lucy H. Fullerton, a native of Chillicothe and a daughter of Dr. William Fullerton, a celebrated physician of his day, and Sophia (Lyman) Fullerton, a lady of education and refinement. Mrs. Fullerton was born in Greenfield, Massachusetts, daughter of Giles Lyman, whose father was an officer in the Revolutionary war.

Judge Douglas and wife are members of the St. Paul's Episcopalian Church. He is a Sir Knight Mason and a member of the B. P. O. E.

LEVI D. YORK, a member of the Burgess Iron & Steel Company, and other prominent institutions of Portsmouth, was born at Wednesbury, Staffordshire, England, December 20, 1847, a son of Levi and Mary Ann (Dee) York. Levi, Jr., was reared and received his education at his native place. At the age of eleven years he entered the works of the Patton Shaft & Axletree Company, where he served an apprenticeship in the blacksmithing and roll-turning departments. At the age of twenty years he made his first trip to America, and, proceeding to Akron, Ohio, was engaged with the Akron Iron Company for a time as roll-turner, and afterward in firing a battery of boilers. In April, 1869, Mr. York went to Paterson, New Jersey, where he became roll-turner for the Passaic Rolling Mill Company, and a few months afterward accepted the position of superintendent of the mills. While in that city he became part owner and director of the Passaic Rolling Mill Company. In 1878 he went to South America, having, in connection with a native of that continent and C. O. Brown, of Paterson, contracted to build for the government of the United States of Columbia a blast furnace at Samaca. After an absence of thirteen months Mr. York returned to the United States, and became superintendent for the Burgess Steel & Iron Works at Portsmouth. He is now the principal owner of this large concern, general manager of the works, and vice-president of the company, having held the latter position since 1881. When he became connected with the company, in 1879, the product was largely puddled iron and steel, produced after a method patented by Charles Burgess. They also manufacture at the present time steel for safes, agricultural implements, springs, tires, machinery, tanks and boilers, their product being now seventy-five per cent steel. Mr. York is also the founder and the president of the York Manufacturing Company, engaged in manufacturing road-scrapers and wheelbarrows. This company began work in 1881. He is president of the Portsmouth Electric Railway Company, having succeeded George Davis in that capacity; is also one of the founders and directors of the Ironton Structural Steel Company, of Duluth, Minnesota, which was organized in 1892.

September 23, 1872, Mr. York was united in marriage with Miss Alice M. Watkins, a native of Portsmouth, and a daughter of Jefferson Lee and L. E. (Glover) Watkins. They have five children,—Lillian, Laura, Raymond, Clara and Mary. In his social relations, Mr. York is a member of the Aurora Lodge, F. & A, M.; of Calvary Commandery, K. T.; of Cincinnati Consistory, R. & S. M.; of the Syrian Temple and Nobles of the Mystic Shrine at Cincinnati; and of Portsmouth Lodge, B. P. O. E. Mr. York is also a member of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

WILLIAM CUSTER, manager and one of the proprietors of the Peebles Roller Mills, was born in Union county, Pennsylvania, near Weston, on the 15th of March, 1851, and is the son of Isaiah and Mary (Watson) Custer.

His father was born in Pennsylvania, where the Custer family was an old one; his mother was also a native of Pennsylvania, and was reared in the country between the Allegheny and the Monongahela rivers. In March, 1857, they removed to Adams county, Ohio, locating one-half mile northwest of the present site of the young and enterprising city of Peebles, where the family have lived ever since. The father, however, died in 1890, in his seventy-sixth year. He was a carpenter by trade, but was also a preacher of the Dunkard Church, though carrying on farming during all the time of his residence here; he also devoted more or less attention to mechanical pursuits, being a natural genius in that line. The mother of our subject was born on the 14th of February, 1809. They had six children, namely: Watson, who was born five miles northwest of Peebles, near Loudon; Henry, who lives on the old homestead adjoining Peebles; Jacob, John, Isaiah and William.

William Custer, the subject of this mention, and the youngest of the five children, was reared in Adams county, Ohio, from his sixth year. He received his education mainly in this county, and taught one term of school, but not liking it engaged in carpentering, which occupied his time and engaged his attention for a considerable time; he was engaged in the mercantile business for four years, and in 1889 bought a one-third interest in the Peebles mill, with James Rees; later in the year our subject and his brothers, Jacob and Henry, bought the entire property. Ever since that time Mr. Custer has controlled and managed the mill, and now does the grinding as well. When he began his connection with the Peebles mill, the grinding was done by buhrs, but it was placed in operation as a roller mill in May, 1889. They have increased the capacity of the mill to the extent of twenty-five per cent. since 1893, and the daily output is now fifty barrels in twenty-four hours. A market for all the product of the mill is found in Adams county, and the plant is kept in constant operation the full time. This is one of the industries which has given Peebles the prominent position which it now occupies among the towns of Adams county.

Mr. Custer was married the 31st of July, 1879, to Miss Annie E. Andrews, who died on the 9th of February, 1886, leaving two children, Edna and Blanche. He was married again on the 10th of November, 1892, to Miss Anna M. Murphy, daughter of Capt. Murphy, who was one of the most prominent men of Adams county.

THOMAS W. EVANS, a prominent medical practitioner of Richmond Dale, Ross county, was born in Claysville, Guernsey county, Ohio, September 21, 1839, a son of Dr. William T. and Mary Ann (McGiffin) Evans. The father, both a physician and lawyer by profession, came to Richmond Dale, where he remained until about 1875. He then went to Parsons, Kansas, where his death occurred. The mother departed this life in Richmond Dale.

Thomas W. Evans, the eldest of four children, came with his father to this city at the age of three years. He was engaged in the practice of medicine prior to the opening of the late war. In the fall of 1861 he entered Company G, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry for one year, was taken prisoner at Harper's Ferry, shortly afterward paroled, returned home and was mustered out of service in the fall of 1862. He then reenlisted as hospital steward in the United States Army and served in that capacity until the close of the struggle. In company with his father, Mr. Evans recruited the first company that was raised in Ohio, under the instructions of the late Governor Andrew, of Massachusetts. After returning from the war, the Doctor resumed the practice of medicine in Richmond Dale, and in the winter of 1875-6 he graduated at the Eclectic Medical Institute, of Cincinnati, Ohio. He is now recognized as one of the able physicians of the county, and enjoys a large practice. Dr. Evans is active in political matters, although not an office-seeker, has taken a decided stand for all that tends to the intellectual and moral growth of the community in which he lives, and is a leading member of the Baptist Church.

He was married in Chillicothe, Ohio, October 15, 1871, to Jennie E. Robinson, a native of that city. They have one son, Pearl T., attending the Dennison University, at Granville, Licking county, this State. In his social relations, Dr. Evans is a member of the E. J. Higby Post, No. 478, G. A. R., Department of Ohio.

JOHN R. FRISTOE, the newly elected Treasurer of Adams county, was born on Brush creek, three and one-half miles south of Peebles, on the 13th of July, 1853, and is the son of Richard and Anna Isadore (Sample) Fristoe. His grandfather, Richard Fristoe, was a Virginian by birth, and came to Mason county, Kentucky, where he lived until his death, about two miles south of Maysville on Limestone creek, on Lexington turnpike. The father of our subject was born in Mohawk county, Virginia, and was about five years old when the family removed to Kentucky. He was married when about thirty years of age, and settled in Adams county, Ohio, at the place where our subject was born, and lived there until about four years prior to his death, which occurred at Jacksonville on the 8th of January, 1881. He was born in 1802. In the early part of his life he was a tobacco dealer and traveled on the road from Maysville to Chillicothe with a six-horse team, peddling tobacco on his way up, returning with a load of dried apples, peaches or clover-seed to Maysville and Lexington. He followed that until 1833, then went to farming, having about 500 acres of land. The mother of our subject was born on Brush creek, Adams county, on the farm owned by Tissieu Sutterfield, and her parents were George and

Anna (Wetherington) Sutterfield. Her father was a German by birth and came with his parents to this country when a child, and after he was nearly grown they settled on the farm mentioned which he afterward bought; later however, he sold it, then went to live on the farm where our subject was born, but disposed of that by sale to Mrs. Fristoe's father in 1832; he then removed to Jacksonville, where he died on the 6th of June, 1891. They had five children, of who our subject was the youngest.

John R. Fristoe, subject of this mention, was reared on the farm on which he was born, and was educated at the district schools at Lebanon, Ohio; at the age of sixteen he began teaching, and followed that vocation during the following sixteen years; after his marriage he located at Dunkinsville, having given up teaching. He engaged in the stock business as well as in that of handling farm implements, fertilizers, etc. In 1886 he removed to Peebles, and has ever since been a resident of that place. His marriage occurred at Manchester, on the 8th of November, 1887. His first wife was formerly Miss Amanda J. Halliday, who was a native of Adams county, born at Lebanon, a daughter of William Halliday, and died November 14, 1892. By this marriage there were two children, namely: Annabell and J. M. Mr. Fristoe subsequently consummated a second marriage, being united to Miss Mertie M. Hooker, a native of Adams county, born at Locust Grove, daughter of James and Anna (Copeland) Hooker. Mr. Fristoe is one of the most popular men of Adams county. He is a Democrat, and attended the State convention of his party in 1888 and 1892, and has been a regular attendant at Congressional conventions. He has also served on the Democratic Executive Committee of Adams county. In November, 1893, he was elected as Treasurer of Adams county, the duties of his office devolving upon him the 4th of September, 1894. Mr. Fristoe is a member of Jacksonville Lodge, No. 537, I. O. O. F.

OSCAR COLEMAN REYNOLDS, a prominent young man of Adams county and the present Clerk of its courts, was born at Locust Grove, on the 14th of November, 1858, and is the son of Stephen and Maria (Moore) Reynolds. Oliver Reynolds, the grandfather of our subject and the founder of Adams county, came here from Maryland about 1820. He settled first in Adams county and afterward resided for a time near Winchester, in the same county, but later moved back to his first location and died in Brown county. His wife was Melissa Middleswartz, who also died in Brown county. Stephen Reynolds, father of our subject, was reared in Brown county, Ohio, and came to Adams county in 1844, settling where he now lives, near the town of Peebles. When he first came to Adams county, he worked for Mrs. Dunbar on the farm which is now his own, for about two years, and was then married and lived in Locust Grove, where he bought a little farm of fifty acres. After two years they bought the Dunbar farm, before mentioned, and there has ever since made his home. His wife was born seven miles east of West Union, on Ohio Brush creek, and was the daughter of Newton Moore, who was born on Brush creek and spent his life in that vicinity. He was a son of David Newton Moore, who came from Virginia. The

Moores were among the original settlers in this county, and in an early day were engaged in distilling as well as farming.

Oscar Coleman Reynolds, with whose name this sketch commences, was reared in Adams county, and began his education in its schools, and finished at Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio, where he attended Prof. Habrook's National Normal University. After leaving school he taught four years in Pike county, then a year and one-half in Scioto county, and after that spent one year in Colorado and Dakota. He returned to Adams county, taught school one year, and after that farmed two years on his father's place near Locust Grove. In 1892 he received the Democratic nomination for the office of Clerk of Common Pleas. He assumed the duties of the office on February 9, 1893. Mr. Reynolds is a prominent and active young Democrat, and served three years as a member of the county executive committee, was a delegate to the State convention in 1891, and to the national convention in 1888. While a resident of Meigs township he held the office of Assessor.

REV. SAMUEL DICKEY CROTHERS, D. D., of Chillicothe, was born in Greenfield, Ohio, April 20, 1833. He graduated at Center College, Kentucky, in 1858, and at Danville Theological Seminary in 1861. He was stated supply and pastor of the churches of Mt. Leigh, Winchester and Eckmansville from May, 1861, to November, 1863, at which time he took charge of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenfield, Ohio, of which his father was the organizer and first pastor. The ministry of father and son in Greenfield covers a period of seventy-five years. During his thirty years of service the present pastor has received 1,080 persons into the church, of whom 678 were on profession of faith. The church now has an enrollment of 573 resident members. The unanimity of this congregation and its hearty co-operation with its pastor, for so many years has been truly remarkable.

REV. SAMUEL CROTHERS, D. D., was one of the pioneer ministers of Greenfield and vicinity. He was pastor of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, of Hop Run, near Greenfield, Ohio, from 1810 to 1818; and of the First Presbyterian Church, of Greenfield, from its organization, June 24, 1820, until his death, July 20, 1856.

His parents were of Scotch-Irish descent, and he was born in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, October 22, 1783. In 1787 his father moved to Lexington, Kentucky, where he settled with his family. Mr. Crothers spent four years in Lexington Acadamy, after which, having united with the Associate Reformed Church, he went to New York and continued four years, from 1805 to 1809, in a theological seminary under the presidency of Dr. John M. Mason. He was licensed to preach the gospel in 1809, and his long pastorate in the Greenfield church was abundantly blessed. His labors were not confined to the routine of pulpit and pastoral work. Theological seminaries were few, and the facilities for reaching them were very limited. Under these circumstances much

of the time of Dr. Crothers was devoted to the training of young men for the ministry. Not less than twenty young ministers received their theological training wholly or in part from him. Dr. Crothers early took an active part in temperance and anti-slavery controversies, writing largely for the press, and publishing two books of a decidely anti-slavery character. These were, "The Gospel of the Jubilee," and "The Life of Abraham."

Rev. H. S. Fullerton, a life-long friend, wrote of him shortly after his decease: "As a friend, Dr. Crothers was faithful, confiding and affectionate. As a man he was frank, generous and accessible even to a child. They who suppose from his writings that he was harsh and severe are greatly in error. As a writer he was neat, concise and vigorous. As a man of intellect, he stood with a very high order. His mind was profound, yet practical; analytic, and yet comprehensive. Few men could compress so much thought in so small a space, and few men had so many thoughts to utter. As a preacher he stood pre-eminent in the esteem of those who could distinguish between matter and manner, substance and sound. There was a wonderful richness in his discourses. The last sentence usually contained a new thought, and it was almost impossible to hear him, even on the most trite subjects, without receiving some views which were useful, striking and original. His crowning glory as a preacher was that he was most eminently a minister of Christ. It was impossible to hear him without feeling the conviction that his soul basked in the light and drew its life from the cross, and that he esteemed it his great work and highest honor to unfold its glories to his fellow men."

GREENBURRY HANSON, a farmer of Harrison township, Ross county, Ohio, is a son of Samuel and Rebecca (Waterman) Hanson, natives respectively of Wales and Virginia, who emigrated from Maryland to Kentucky in an early day, in 1798 came to Ross county, Ohio, and two years later located in what is now Harrison township, where they were among the very early pioneers. The father died there, at the advanced age of eighty-three years, and the mother departed this life at the age of eighty-four years.

Greenburry Hanson, the youngest of the seven sons and five daughters of the forementioned parents, was born in Harrison township, February 27, 1814, and has always resided in his native place, engaged in farming and stock-raising. He now owns 300 acres of land in Ross county and several hundred acres in the State of Kansas. He has belonged to the Republican party ever since its organization, has taken an active part in local affairs, and, although not an office-seeker, has held all the township offices except those of Justice of the Peace and Constable; and he has served as Infirmary Director.

He was married in Harrison township, May 9, 1860, to Margaret Hough, who was born here February 5, 1836, a daughter of George and Margaret (Snyder) Hough, natives respectively of Pennsylvania and Ohio. These parents were married in Ross county, Ohio, soon afterward locating in Harrison township, where they remained until their death—the father at the age of fifty-seven years, and the mother at the age of sixty-eight. They were the parents of eleven children, Mrs. Hanson being the fifth in order of birth. Mr. and Mrs. Hanson have had eight children, namely: Aurelia Flor-

rence, wife of D. W. Climer; Eliza Jessie, now Mrs. John W. McGee; Fannie L., wife of Floyd McNeal; Nellie E.; Thaddeus S. and Bertha G. Mr. Hanson has a beautiful residence and seems to be equipped with the comforts and luxuries of a modern happy home.

JUDGE HENRY MORGAN, Judge of Probate of Pike county, was born on his father's farm in Jackson county, March 18, 1845, a son of Thomas and Nancy (Lutton) Morgan, who came to Ohio from Pennsylvania in 1840. The elder Morgan was a son of Robert Morgan, who emigrated from the north of Ireland. His sons were Robert, Philip, Jesse, Lytle, Lowry, John and Thomas. Nancy Lutton was the eldest daughter of Robert Lutton, a native of Maryland, who moved to Pennsylvania in boyhood. After her marriage to Thomas Morgan she became the mother of six children, three of whom were born in Pennsylvania, the others in Jackson county, Ohio. They were: Philip, who died at the age of two years; Robert; Emeline, George M., Joseph, and Henry, the subject of our sketch.

The last named attended the common schools of Ohio, helping his father on the farm during vacations. When he was twelve years old he removed with his parents from Jackson county to Piketon, and his uneventful life continued until he was twenty years of age, when he adopted the laudable occupation of teaching, which he continued with little intermission for a period of twenty-five years, the most of the time in Pike county, and one year in Logan county, Illinois.

December 19, 1878, he was united in matrimony with Carrie R. Violet, a daughter of Benjamin and Julia (Masters) Violet, who were among the pioneers of Ohio. Benjamin Violet's father, also named Benjamin, was a soldier in the Revolutionary war and died at the age of ninety-six years. Mrs. Morgan's father came from Virginia to Ohio in an early day. Benjamin and his half-brother are said to be the only living sons of a Revolutionary hero in Pike county.

In the fall of 1885 our subject was appointed Postmaster of Piketon, which office he held until the spring of 1889. He was elected Judge of Probate of Pike county on the Democratic ticket, in 1890, and again in 1893. He has been a prominent member of Piketon Lodge No. 323, I. O. O. F., since 1874, and has passed all of the chairs of the order. His father, a stanch Democrat of the old Jackson type, died in 1880 and his mother in 1885. His children are Carrie D., Thurman L., Orlie H., Anna J., Tillie L., and an infant daughter.

JOHN ANSON JONES, who has been prominently identified with the growth of Pike county as a newspaper man, was born in Sunfish township, May 21, 1841, son of James and Cynthia Ann (Mustard) Jones. His father, James Jones, Sr., was born in Cumberland county, Virginia, the eldest son of Daniel and Susana (Hopper) Jones. The parents removed from Virginia to Ohio in 1826, settling in Sunfish township, Pike county. They had five children,—Martha, Delila, James, Joel and John A. Daniel Jones followed the trade of blacksmith. His son James received such education as was afforded by the common schools of the times, and at eighteen years of age commenced teaching school, which vocation he followed for a period of thirty-

six years. Being elected County Auditor of Pike county on the Democratic ticket, he left the school-room and held county offices for twelve years, the first eight of which he was Auditor, and the rest of the time was County Treasurer. In 1856 he assisted in establishing the Bank of Piketon, taking the position of cashier. In 1862 he was elected Representative to the State Legislature, and he held this office two terms. In 1863 he came to Waverly and took the position of cashier in the old Emmit Bank, operated under the firm name of G. Calwine & Company. This bank closed in 1873, and Mr. Jones then started another bank, which was operated by Hayes, Jones & Company, in which Mr. Jones held the position of cashier until his death.

His wife, Cynthia, was a daughter of William Mustard, who was a son of Samuel Mustard, a native of Pennsylvania, one of the first pioneers of Pike county, a farmer and a devoted Christian, and Class-leader in the Methodist Church.

Our subject had five brothers and two sisters. They were Edward O., Finnetta J., William D., Charles W., Thomas J., George E. and Marietta. When he was six years old he was taken by his parents to Piketon, where he attended school until fifteen years old, when he commenced to learn the printers' trade under his brother William, who had established and was running a weekly newspaper in the village of Piketon, known as the Valley Union. The paper was established in 1855. In 1862 the brothers moved the plant to Waverly and changed the name to Waverly Watchman. It is still running with the subject of this sketch as its editor, ably assisted by his former tutor and his brother, William D Jones.

Mr. Jones was united in marriage December 25, 1866, with Mary Regan, daughter of John B. Regan and Ruhama (Dunham). They have two children—Nettie B. and Julia A. Mrs. Jones is a granddaughter of Richard Regan, a native of the north of Ireland, who came to Ohio when a young man, obtaining work on the canal which was then being built down the Scioto valley. The Dunhams were from Harper's Ferry. William D. Jones married Lydia Ware, daughter of Daniel Ware, a soldier of the war of 1812. She is still living, and is the only pensioner of 1812 living in Pike county. She is a second cousin of Ruhama (Dunham) Regan, mentioned above. William Jones' children are Charles D., Annie D., Samuel D. and Kate D.

CHARLES MOTT CALDWELL, a rising young lawyer who is now Prosecuting Attorney of Pike county, was born in Beavertown, November 20, 1866, the only son of Dr. John L. and Kate (Hoffman) Caldwell. Dr. John L. Caldwell was the son of John Caldwell, who emigrated from Missouri to Kenton, Ohio, finally settling in Chillicothe, where his son John was born. The latter studied medicine, graduated at the Ohio Medical College at Cincinnati, and in 1865 moved to Beavertown, where he continued to practice the healing art until 1875, when he removed to Waverly. Here his efforts were crowned with success. He ranks as the leading physician of Pike county. His wife is a native of Ohio, and a daughter of Peter Hoffman, who with his wife (a native of Switzerland) emigrated to America from his native place, Bavaria, Germany. As a local politician of the Democra-

tic school, he has exerted considerable influence, held the office of Justice of the Peace for seven years, and was a member of the Ohio constitutional convention in 1872-3.

Our subject attended school in Beavertown during his early childhood, and in Waverly after his removal there with his parents, graduating at the high school in May, 1884, and in the succeeding autumn commenced a two-years course at Wooster University. He subsequently taught in a school near Piketon for six months, and in 1887, took a course in the commercial college at Lexington, Kentucky, graduating in April of that year, and immediately accepting a position as tutor in the same institution for the summer term. In the following September returned to Waverly and taught one term in the district schools, reading law at the same time, under Professor and attorney C. T. McCoy. In the fall of 1888, after reading law one year, he entered the senior class of the Cincinnati Law School, graduating in May, 1889, in the same class as E. U. Weidler and Wilby G. Hyde, of Chillicothe. After graduating he returned to Waverly and opened up a law practice with C. T. McCoy.

In the spring of 1890, while in his twenty-fourth year, he was elected by acclamation, to the office of Justice of the Peace. He filled the office creditably for three years, and then refused a re-election. In July, 1893, he was favored with a unanimous nomination on the Democrat ticket for the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Pike county, and in the election which followed he received a majority of 339 of the total votes cast, running twenty ahead of his ticket. In the short time that has elapsed since his coming into the office in January 1, 1894, it has fallen to his lot to try several important cases, notable among which was the celebrated Hill murder case, which was handled by our subject with a skill seldom equalled by older attorneys, bringing about results unprecedented in the history of criminal proceedings in the State. Being such, it is worthy of a brief description. Hill, who pleaded "not guilty" to the charge of murder in the first degree, had able counsel and was making a strong fight. The prosecutor had sifted the case thoroughly, all dilatory motions had been disposed of, and all were apparently ready to enter the long contest. On Monday noon, June 18, 1894, just before the bell rang for court, the counsel for defense surprised the prosecution and others connected with the case, by asking if any plea other than that of first-degree murder would be accepted by the State. After due council it was agreed that murder in the second degree should be accepted. Hill was therefore brought before Judge William D. James, pleaded guilty, and sentenced to life imprisonment, all within ten minutes. This action on the part of the prosecutor saved months of time to the courts and several thousand dollars to the county.

STEPHEN DOUGLAS McLAUGHLIN, a leading young attorney of Waverly, was born in Jackson county, December 22, 1859, seventh son of Aaron and Hiley Ann (Corn) McLaughlin. Comparatively little is known of his ancestry on either side. His father was one of a family of five children, whose parents were of the class of hardy Scotch-Irish pioneers that settled in Westmoreland county, Virginia (now West Virginia), near Gallipolis. His two older brothers, James and

Addison, went West and died, and his sisters, Minerva and Mary, were married,—the former to Joseph Crump, a wealthy farmer near Cambria Furnace, in Gallia county, Ohio, and the latter to John Lock, a farmer at Oak Hill, Ohio. Aaron, the father of our subject, at five years of age, went to live with a wealthy German farmer of Madison township, in Jackson county, named Jacob Moler, remaining till he was twenty-one years old. The foster-parents were very strict disciplinarians and "raised" the boy up in the "way he should go," instilling the doctrines of truth and sobriety, which result in making men of solid worth. His education was confined to what was obtainable at the crude common schools of the time, though he attained sufficient knowledge of books to become a successful teacher for several terms in his immediate vicinity. The farm, where he was raised, was finally sold to the Madison Furnace Company, and at last resold to Aaron McLaughlin, who bought it, a parcel at a time. His wife, of Irish extraction, was also an adopted child, reared in Jackson county, and died March 15, 1891. They had ten children: William A.; James K., a medical man of Terre Haute, Indiana, and a member of the Board of Pension Examiners; Minerva, who married William Calahan, of Jackson county, and died in 1864; Andrew J.; Serelda, who married J. W. Johnson, the editor of the Waverly Courier; Franklin P.; Aaron C., who has held a position as division clerk in the Pension Department, at Washington, D. C., since 1887; Stephen D.; Charles; and Oscar, a farmer and a prominent young local physician who occupies the home farm in Jackson county. Each of them spent more or less time at teaching school except Andrew and Franklin.

Our subject attended the common schools six months a year, working on the farm the rest of the time until his eighteenth year, when he commenced teaching. He continued in this occupation in Jackson county, for seven years, teaching in the winter and spending a portion of his vacations in attending the select schools of his county, and one term at Lebanon, Warren county, Ohio. In the spring of 1884 he began reading law, with John T. Moore of Jackson, and was admitted to the bar from the latter's office December 7, 1886. In the following February he removed to Waverly and opened up an office as a practicing attorney, and in October of the same year he was elected on the Democratic ticket to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Pike county, serving in that capacity from January 1, 1888, till January 1, 1894. A case of prominence which came before him was that of the murderer, Isaac Smith, who was convicted of murder in the first degree and sent to the State penitentiary to await execution. The sentence was finally commuted by Gov. Campbell to life imprisonment.

On April 4, 1888, Mr. McLaughlin was united in marriage with Julia Alexander, of Jackson county, daughter of Caleb and Mary (Calahan) Alexander. Her paternal grandfather was Thomas Alexander, born February 17, 1774, of Irish parentage. He married Sally Haddeston May 29, 1800, and settled in Bedford county, Virginia, where he enlisted and served in the war of 1812. His eldest son, Caleb, was born October 16, 1809. In 1820 he removed with his parents to Kanawha, Virginia, (now West Virginia), and in 1826 to Ohio, settling in Franklin township, Jackson county, where the father died in 1845, and the mother October 9, 1850. In 1829, Caleb returned to Kanawha

and engaged with his brother John in lumbering. He was afterward employed for several years by an Eastern company at sinking salt wells. During the last year he was employed by them to explore for wells at a salary of $500. He is still living, in Jackson county, is eighty-five years old, and hale and hearty, and possessing a remarkably clever memory, though, being of a very reticent disposition, is not prone to speak much of his early history.

JAMES ALEXANDER DOUGLAS was born in Madison township, Scioto county, Ohio, March 5, 1856, son of John P. and Adaline (McLaughlin) Douglas.

His paternal grandparents were James and Martha (Patterson) Douglas, of Scotch-Irish descent, and among the early pioneers of Columbiana county, where the son, John P., was born, September 12, 1832. Like other sons of pioneer families, he received the limited education afforded by the common schools. He began teaching in the public schools at eighteen years of age, and continued the vocation until his enlistment in the United States service in 1864. After his discharge at the close of the war he returned to his farm in Pike county, upon which he busied himself in summer, teaching school winters, until 1875, when he removed to Waverly, having been elected Clerk of the Common Pleas Court of Pike county. He possessed an excertionally good judgment which won him many friends. His industry was unprecedented in the history of the court, and he performed the duties of his office without the assistance of legal help and advice which had been characteristic of former incumbents of the office. He continued in this office nine years, after which, owing to poor health, he retired from active public service, with the exception of filling several township offices, which gave him opportunity to be of service to his fellow man with but little pecuniary reward. His continued poor health, which was unnoticed except by his immediate friends, resulted in his death, September 11, 1894. He was for years a member of the Methodist Church. His wife was a daughter of Samuel and Angeline McCord, of Irish descent. Their children were: Robert W., attorney at law at Xenia, Ohio; Mary L., who married Geo. L. Wolfe, of Columbus; Lucy A., who married John A. Cyler, attorney at Waverly; Bertha V., who became the wife of James Myers, fruit dealer of Waverly; Nancy McD., who married Sumner Davis, of Columbus, Minnie, John, and James, the subject of this sketch.

The latter attended the common schools in Scioto county until he removed to Waverly with his parents, where he had the advantage of the city schools until he was twenty-one years old. He commenced teaching in Scioto county at eighteen, and in 1878, after finishing his course at the Waverly high school, accepted a position as tutor in the same, continuing for eight years; then was given the position of school superintendent, in which capacity he has continued to the present. His wife was Mary C. Moore, a native of Waverly, and eldest daughter of John T. Moore, who was a leading attorney of Jackson county, and of Dell *née* Stutman, a native of Pike county. They have two children—Sholto M. and James M.

GEORGE WASHINGTON THOMPSON, a respected citizen of Chillicothe, is the son of Mathew and Sarah (Basset) Thompson, and was born in Lewis county, Kentucky, April 24, 1827. His parents were natives of Pennsylvania, his father being of English and Irish ancestry and his mother German and English. Their children were Katherine, Margaret, Susan, Nancy, Ann R., Mary, Sarah, Eveline, Mathew W., John and George W.,—the last mentioned being the subject of this biographical outline.

He remained with his father on the farm until his fourteenth year, when he engaged in a steam lumber mill on the Ohio river, opposite Portsmouth, where he learned to run a steam engine. He attended the common schools of Kentucky till his eighteenth year, when he removed with his father to Portsmouth, Ohio; and from that time on until he was past fifty years of age his life was kaleidoscopic in its variety.

Early in life he entertained a desire to become a merchant, and soon after attaining his majority he became clerk for his cousin, Amos B. Clark, in a general merchandise store at Bloomfield, now Webster, Scioto county, Ohio. After that he had stores in several places in the Ohio river valley, and also was successively wharfboat clerk, merchant, livery-keeper, commission merchant, coal operator, steamboat owner, miller and plumber and gas-fitter. In all these he was more or less successful.

April 1, 1851, he married Eliza Rowley, a native of Vanceburg, Kentucky, whose parents hailed from Vermont.

In that early day fortunes were made in a few months and lost in a few days. Mr. Thompson's career was no exception to the rule. He made and lost several fortunes. Ralph Waldo Emerson used to say that some men were like a cat: "Every time they fall they fall on their feet." So, every adverse fortune that has overtaken Mr. Thompson has not prevented him from coming out in a standing position. Defeat or loss always spurred him on. His first real disaster occurred in the spring of 1852, when a rise of twenty-five feet of the water of Kinnikinnick creek, at Rockport, Kentucky, happened in one night, causing him a loss of $5,000 worth of cord-wood and tan-bark. He was obliged to carry his sick wife in her night-clothes from their home to a neighbor's house, where she gave birth to her first child and lingered several months between life and death. Subsequently Mr. Thompson made $4,000 in three months, in the commission business, only to sink that, however, and a great deal more in the steamboat, Gray Eagle, of which he was part owner.

In August, 1866, he came to Chillicothe, without a cent of his own, and with $500 of borrowed money operated for some months the warehouse now known as Plyley's. It was here that he started the first steam cornsheller that was ever run in Chillicothe. Subsequently he moved to Cincinnati, Portsmouth, and to Ironton, in which latter place, in company with his two oldest sons, he successfully ran the business of plumbing and gas-fitting; but the panic of 1872 drove him out of that, and, taking up once more his circuitous route, he moved his shop to Chillicothe, where he prosecuted a successful business for ten years, finally closing on account of too many entering the same business.

In the spring of 1882 he was a candidate, on the Democratic ticket, for the office of Constable, was elected, and has

held the office continuously ever since. He is still hale and hearty, at the age of sixty-seven years, and occassionally does a little plumbing and gas-fitting, to accommodate his neighbors.

He has had seven children, namely: Edward F., James W., Charles B., Millie S., Allie J., Leslie S., and Bertha, who died at the age of eighteen months.

JOHN TAYLOR, deceased, an honored citizen of Ross county, Ohio, came with his father from Allegheny county, Pennsylvania, and settled near Bainbridge, Ross county, where he grew up to manhood and married Mary Pierce, of Muskingum county, this State, and settled on Paint creek, Ross county, six miles south of Greenfield. They had fifteen children, of whom twelve lived to be grown and all married; three died in childhood.

John and Mary Taylor, his wife, had eighty-three grandchildren. Washington Taylor, their second child, was born on his father's farm in Ross county, January 17, 1809, and died at his home, four miles south of Greenfield, Highland county, Ohio, May 3, 1890. Washington Taylor was married to Rachel Sinnet Taylor, daughter of Edward and Margaret (Smith) Taylor, who lived near Washington Court House, Ohio. Edward Taylor was twice married, his second wife being Mary Smith, daughter of Edward and Margaret Smith; and Rachel S. was his oldest child by her. Washington and Rachel S. Taylor were married at her home near Washington Court House, Ohio, on September 12, 1833, in the pioneer style of that day. The bride and groom, with about ten couples of their most intimate friends, went on horseback to his father's home, six miles south of Greenfield, where a grand reception was given. Soon afterward they began housekeeping in a log cabin on a farm of 100 acres—a gift from his father, and located near his father's place in Ross county. They both worked hard and commenced to build a frame house, which was completed in 1836. They lived on this farm until March 27, 1855, then moved to the farm of 200 acres purchased of John Willson. Between the years 1855 and 1875 they bought three farms —the Isaac C. Wilson farm of 104 acres; the Lunbeck farm of 273 acres in Highland county, to which place he moved March 17, 1879; and a few years afterward he bought the Grim farm of 118 acres.

One of the noted events in their married life was the celebration of their golden wedding on September 12, 1883, when there were present about 200 guests, among whom there were only three persons who had been present at the original wedding in 1833.

The names of the children of Washington Taylor and wife are: Joseph P., born March 21, 1835, enlisted in the service of his country in August, 1862, and died in camp December 8 following; John E., born July 16, 1836, served three years in the army and came out of the war with impaired health, never fully recovered, and died in Florida, March 18, 1894, whither he had gone the previous year for the benefit of his health; Eliza Jane, born January 14, 1840; Albert, born December 12, 1842, is now farming the Isaac C. Wilson place; Mary Elizabeth, born November 24, 1844; Isaac Elsworth, born July 17, 1846, has charge of the Grim farm; Margaret Filena, born July 16, 1849; Price, born June 7, 1851, is

located on the John Wilson farm; and one that died in infancy.

Mrs. Taylor and her three daughters reside on the farm where Mr. Taylor died, and superintend the farming operations. Here they have one of the finest farm residences in the county, it being surrounded with most beautiful grounds, located conveniently near to Greenfield, and altogether being a delightful and attractive country home.

DANIEL R. HARNESS, a farmer of Liberty township, Ross county, was born in Harding county, Virginia, March 25, 1823, and was the fifth child in order of birth in his father's family. In 1846 he removed from his native place to Liberty township, Ross county, Ohio. Immediately after his marriage he located on the farm where he still resides, which consists of 1,170 acres of fine agricultural land, and contains good buildings. Mr. Harness has never been an office-seeker, but has given his time and attention wholly to his business, and is now considered one of the most successful men in Ross county. He began life with very limited means, and by his own exertions has secured a competency.

September 13, 1848, Mr. Harness was married to Miss Rachel Vause, who was born in this township, October 9, 1828, a daughter of James and Eliza (Harness) Vause. They had twelve children, of whom nine are now living, namely: James, who married Mrs. Mollie Jones; Frances, wife of John Cunningham; Virginia; Carrie; Grace, wife of James Ross; and Robert, who married Miss Sallie Harness. Three children died in infancy, and one, Elizabeth, departed this life at the age of eighteen years. The wife and mother died in this county, March 9, 1887, an exemplary member of the Presbyterian Church.

CHARLES E. HARNESS, a farmer of Liberty township, Ross county, is a son of John G. and Ann (McNeill) Harness, natives of Harding county, Virginia. The parents died in their native county. They had nine children who grew to years of maturity, and for fifty-five years there was not a death in the family.

Charles E. Harness, the eldest of the children, was born in Harding county, Virginia, October 7, 1814, reared to agricultural pursuits, remaining with his father until in January, 1838, and in that year located in Liberty township, where he has ever since resided. He now owns 1,250 acres of fine farming land.

March 9, 1842, Mr. Harness was united in marriage with Miss Mary Vause, who was born in Liberty township, December 2, 1824, a daughter of James and Eliza (Harness) Vause, natives of Virginia, but were pioneer settlers of Ross county: they died in Liberty township. Mr. and Mrs. Vause were the parents of eleven children, nine of whom grew to years of maturity, and Mrs. Harness was one of the oldest members. Our subject and wife have seven children, viz.: Lillie E., wife of J. M. Penisten; Ellen D., wife of E. P. Van Wester; Mary; Kate; Charles E., who married Fannie B. Evans; John M., who married Virginia L. Cunningham; and James V. They lost two children by death in childhood, Ann and Jane. Mr. Harness was formerly identified with the Whig party, but for a number of years has cast his lot with the Democratic party, and is active in political affairs.

WILLIAM MUSSELMAN, of Springfield township, Ross county, Ohio, is a son of Michael Musselman, a native of Kentucky. The latter came with his father, Henry Musselman, to Ohio when about one year old. The family located near Chillicothe. The parents of our subject died about three miles east of Frankfort, on the north fork of Paint creek, in Ross county. The father was a miller by occupation.

William Musselman, the second in a family of ten children, was born near Chillicothe, March 27, 1828. He was reared on a farm, and, after reaching a suitable age, assisted his father in the mill. Immediately after his marriage he removed to Missouri, finally locating in Moniteau county, where he followed agricultural pursuits three years. He then sold his property there, returned to Ross county, spent the following two years in a flour mill known as the Davy Adams mill, spent about thirteen years on a farm in the vicinity of Clarksburg, and in March, 1890, settled where he now lives in Springfield township. He now lives a retired life.

Mr. Musselman was married in Cincinnati, March 7, 1860, to Susanna Hosler, who was born in Ross county, October 5, 1840, where she was also raised. He is a Democrat in political matters, and takes a deep interest in local affairs.

ZEBULON ORR, a farmer and stock raiser of Liberty township, Ross county, is a son of the late Thomas Orr. About 1800 the latter emigrated with his father, William Orr, a native of Ireland, from Virginia, to a point near Chillicothe, Ohio. Thomas died in Springfield township, this county, in 1854.

Zebulon Orr, the eighth in a family of eleven children, all of whom are now living, with the exception of the eldest, was born in Springfield township, April 22, 1830. His opportunities for obtaining an education were somewhat limited. During the late war he was a member of Company D, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Ohio Regiment, in the 100-day service. He continued to reside in Springfield township until 1874, when he located on his present farm in Liberty township. He now owns 196 acres of fine agricultural land, where he has a good residence and other improvements.

Mr. Orr has been identified with the Republican party since its organization, has always taken an active part in political matters, and has served in many of the important township offices.

In Springfield township, September 7, 1854, he was united in marriage with Miss Mary P. Purdum, a native of that township and a daughter of the late M. Purdum, one of the pioneer settlers of Springfield township. His death occurred late in the '60s. Mrs. Orr died here December 12, 1875, leaving seven children — Thomas, John N., Mary E., Ella E., Laura E., Lillian E. and James H. John N. is married, and is the owner of a large ranch in Montana. Lillian was married August 27, 1890, to John H. Heizer, a teacher in the schools of Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children—Murray E. and Romaine Orr. Mr. Orr is a leader and active worker in the Methodist Church.

NATHAN C. DURANT, a merchant at Richmond Dale, Ross county, was born in Jefferson county, Ohio, May 26, 1835. When a small boy he came with his father,

John Durant, to Vinton county, this State, and was reared to manhood in that and Jackson counties. He followed agricultural pursuits until twenty-one years of age, afterward taught school about twelve years, since which time he has been engaged in the mercantile business, and since 1875 in Richmond Dale. Mr. Durant carries a general stock of merchandise, and enjoys a large and lucrative trade.

In 1864, in Ross county, he was joined in marriage with Miss Margaret Vail, a native of this county. They had one son, James E., who married Miss Mary Cone, and they have two children—Hazel and Nathan C. Mrs. Durant died January 15, 1891. She was a zealous member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM McCLAIN, whose widow still resides in Portsmouth, Ohio, was born near Wheeling, Virginia, December 25, 1809, and died at Portsmouth, September 10, 1867. No man who ever lived in the territory covered by this work was better known or is more kindly remembered than the subject of this mention. In fact every man of middle age who has had any business with steamboat men on the Ohio river remembers him. His father, Hugh McClain, came from Ireland before the war of Independence, and served under General Washington through that struggle. He then became a settler in Virginia, where our subject was born. William left home when but twelve and secured work on a canal boat. When eighteen years old he was a pilot on a steamer and shortly afterward became captain. In 1832 he built his first boat, the Lady Washington, at Wheeling, and later built quite a number, among them being the Lady Marshall, A. M. Phillips, Dunkirk, and David White. The packets, Simon Kenton and Daniel Boone, built by him in Cincinnati, ran between that city and Maysville. The Bostona numbers one, two and three, were built by him, and used by the government during the war. Captain McClain navigated the waters of the Allegheny, Monongahela, Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and was well known from Pittsburg to New Orleans. The principle part of his boating was between Portsmouth and Cincinnati.

He was married October 26, 1831, to Sarah, daughter of Moses Thompson, of Wheeling, His family resided in Clermont county, Ohio, from 1837 until 1855, when they moved to Portsmouth. Their children were: Charles, who died in infancy; Matilda, who married P. J. Donham, of Clermont county, and Isabella M., married Hon. C. P. Tracy, of Portsmouth.

Captain McClain followed steamboating for over forty years. He was noted from the source of the Ohio to the mouth of the Mississippi as a model captain. The remarkable circumstance, as mentioned above, is the fact that he is so universally remembered, although dead for nearly thirty years, by parties who were entire strangers to him personally.

CHARLES PACKER TRACY, founder of the firm of C. P. Tracy & Company, Portsmouth, Ohio, was born at Oxford, New York, December 5, 1829, and died from a stroke of paralysis January 16, 1874, at Portsmouth. His boyhood was spent on his father's farm in Chenango county, New York, and his edu-

cation was obtained at the Oxford Academy. He first came to Portsmouth in 1851, and employed as a clerk in the shoe house of R. Lloyd & Company. After three years the firm of Oakes & Tracy was started, which was the first merchandizing for himself he had done. Later he purchased his partner's interest and changed the firm name to C. P. Tracy & Company. He was married December 20, 1858, to Isabella, daughter of Captain William McClain (see sketch elsewhere). There was one child, Miss Persis Tracy.

Our subject united with All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, of Portsmouth, in 1857, and was a sincere member up to the time of his death. It was while attending a prayer-meeting of this denomination that he was stricken with paralysis, in the prime of his manhood. His rector, Rev. I. N. Stanger, said of him during the funeral sermon, "Our friend and brother has gone. He whom we all knew, and knew to love and respect more and more as our knowledge of him increased; he who was always so kind, so gentle, so benevolent, so unostentatious, so lovable, so noble and refined in everything that marks a true Christain gentleman, has gone! He who always, both by his example and by his constant attendance and deep attention in the house of God, taught all a lesson of Christian humility and love, has gone forever from our earthly sight. He died as he had lived, speaking to God and working for God. His last words were words of prayer, his last act an act of faith. Oh, what a life! Oh, what a death! No greater honor could be given to any than to be carried from that lowly attitude before the Father of all, from that simple oratory of prayer, in that humble widow's dwelling, to those lofty mansions which Jesus has gone to prepare for all who love him."

DR. GILES S. B. HEMPSTEAD, A. M., LL.D., was born in New London, Connecticut, June 8, 1794, and died at Portsmouth, Ohio, July 9, 1883, and is buried in the Portsmouth cemetery. His parents were Giles and Lucretia (Saltonstall) Hempstead.

Our subject was a direct descendant of Sir Robert Hempstead, belonging to the eighth generation. Sir Robert, with his two brothers, emigrated from England in 1630, and first settled at Hempstead Plains, on Long Island. The two brothers later returned to England and Sir Robert went to Boston, and from there accompanied Governor Winthrop to New London, Connecticut, thus making one of the first settlers of that city. Dr. Hempstead's early educational advantages were good. In 1802, however, he was taken from school and accompanied his family to the West. The company was made up of the families of Giles and Hallam Hempstead, and after a journey of sixty-four days they reached Marietta, August 4, 1803. There were twenty-eight persons in the company.

Our subject was placed in the Muskingum Academy, at Marietta, where he remained until sixteen years old. He then went to study law in the office of Governor R. J. Meigs, but pursued this for one year only, having decided to make medicine a profession. He then entered the junior class at the Ohio University, and was regularly graduated, being the first literary graduate west of the Ohio river. While pursuing this course he took special studies in French, Hebrew, Italian and Spanish. A

very eminent Parisian physician, Dr. John B. Regnier, who located in Marietta in 1810, now became the preceptor of our subject, under whose care he remained until 1816. After qualifying for the practice of medicine before a board of censors, according to law, Dr. Hempstead went to Waterford to take charge of an epidemic then raging there known as the "cold plague," or "spotted fever." The epidemic over, the doctor found himself without a practice, and so came to Portsmouth in June of 1816. It was now his desire to find a good locality, hence he visited a number of points, staying for a short time at some of them. In October, of the same year he returned to Portsmouth and permanently located. Later, however, he moved to Hanging Rock, where he spent fifteen years, and then returned to Portsmouth.

Dr. Hempstead was married April 11, 1821, to Elizabeth Peebles. Their children are: Margaret J., who married B. B. Gaylord; Samuel Booth, who married Mary Ann Hamilton; Harriett E., who married Gaylord B. Norton. The two last named are living in California.

Our subject became a member of Aurora Lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., in 1819, being one of the charter members. He later became Master of the lodge, and acted in that capacity for twenty-one years. He was also a charter member of Mount Vernon Chapter, organized in 1829. He took the degree of M. D. at the Medical College of Ohio in 1822; the same winter the degree of M. A. was conferred by his alma mater, and in 1879 the degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred by the same institution. In 1880 he was elected a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Boston, Massachusetts. He was president of the Ohio State Medical Society for a time.

Mrs. Hempstead died April 15, 1875. They were both members of All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church, the Doctor having joined in 1829.

JOHN R. TURNER, son of George and Lorain (Russell) Turner, was born in Northampton county, near Norfolk, Va., June 25, 1787. He came to Portsmouth, Ohio, and followed school teaching till 1810, when he was appointed Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, which position he held till 1852, when the office became elective, and he was elected for two successive terms. In 1823, on the death of Dr. Waller, he became Postmaster and held the office till 1828, when he was removed to make place for one of President Jackson's men. He was elected Mayor in 1854, by the Know-Nothing party and held this office till the time of his death.

Mr. Turner was married October 17, 1807, to Vienna P. Scarborough, daughter of John and Mary Gray (Jacob) Scarborough. She was a native of Northampton, county, Virginia, and was born December 3, 1790. Their children were: John Parker, born October 28, 1809, and died December 26, following; Sarah Parker, born October 28, 1811, married a Mr. Clingman, an Illinois farmer, and is still living in that State; Caroline Hill, born September 3, 1813, and died October 13, 1824; William McKendree, born December 15, 1815, and died August 31, 1825; Martha Jacob, born February 22, 1818, and married a Mr. Aldrich; Mary Lorain, born December 5, year not known, married a Keokuk, (Iowa) merchant, by the name of Allen; Hester Ann, born October 21, 1822,

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married a Mr. Pressel, of Mississippi; John Russell, born March 19, 1824, and died October 11, 1824; Nancy P, born April 20, 1826, married Elijah Jeffords, Judge of a superior court in Mississippi; and Enoch George, born December 5, 1828, went to California and became one of the State Supreme Judges. Our subject for his second wife, married Susan Chenoweth, daughter of Abraham Chenowith, of Piketon, Pike county, Ohio; they had no children.

Mr. Turner was a local Methodist preacher, and a man of great force. His educational advantages were few, but by private study he became quite a scholar for his day. As will be noticed above he spent the greater portion of his life in public office, and this is spite of a strong opposition of the leading citizens of Portsmouth who, while they could say nothing detrimental to Mr. Turner, wanted the political perquisites for themselves. The inherent ability of which we only catch a glimpse in the father later displayed itself in all its power in the son, Judge Turner, of California.

SAMUEL MILES TRACY, one of the "landmarks" of Portsmouth, was born in Oxford, New York, in 1796, and died in Portsmouth, Ohio, December 25, 1856. He graduated at Hamilton College, New York, a member of the class of 1815, and then read law in the office of Count Van Derlyn, of Oxford. He was admitted to the bar in 1818, and came to Portsmouth during the fall of the same year. He was very successful in the practice of his profession, which he continued up to the time of his death, being Prosecuting Attorney for Scioto county for more than thirty years.

He married at Portsmouth, Ohio, October 13, 1822, Mary Daly, a native of Philadelphia. Two sons and three daughters constituted the children resulting from this union. Elizabeth D., who married M. B. Ross, of Portsmouth; Mary R., who became the wife of Geo. Johnson; and Emily, who married J. C. Guthrie, of Detroit, Michigan.

MOOR RUSSELL TEWKSBURY, of Portsmouth, now deceased, was born in Bath, New Hampshire, April 27, 1808, his parents being Ezekiel and Sally (Barron) Tewksbury. Mr. Ezekiel Tewksbury was born in Amherst, Massachusetts, while the mother, Sally Barron, was a native of Haverhill, Massachusetts. Born upon a farm, our subject's early education was such as may be obtained in a country school.

In 1830 he left the parental roof and went west to Michigan, and after spending a short time there came to Portsmouth, Ohio. He soon learned that his cousin was working at Franklin Furnace, situated in Scioto county, not far from Portsmouth, and he determined to seek work there. He secured work and remained there till 1833, then was employed by Robert Hamilton, of Hanging Rock, as river agent. Our subject also looked after the business of Pine Grove Furnace, of which Mr. Hamilton was proprietor, and continued in the employ of that gentleman for eight years. In 1841 he became the bookkeeper of the firm of D. Agnew & Company. This firm operated the Hanging Rock forge, and failed in business the year after Mr. Tewskbury entered their employ. The property was purchased by Mr. Henry Hanna, and our

subject continued in the employ of that gentleman till 1844. By this time in life, Mr. Tewksbury had accumulated some capital, and this year purchased an interest in Jackson furnace, near Scioto-ville, and acted as river agent for this furnace until January, 1853. He then sold his interest in this furnace, and moved to Portsmouth, soon after acquiring an interest in the firm of R. Bell & Company, manufacturers of and wholesale dealers in boots and shoes. His relations to this firm continued for about three years, he acting as river agent for Madison furnace during part of this time.

Our subject had been engaged in privately lending his own money, and this resulted in his taking an interest in a private bank in Portsmouth, in 1855, doing business under the name of Means, Hall & Company. Mr. Tewksbury, however, had no hand in the active management of the concern. In 1860 it suspended payment and our subject was selected by the creditors to close out the affairs of the business. This work engaged his attention till 1861, and the next year he received the appointment of Deputy Collector of internal revenue for the eleventh congressional district of Ohio, John Campbell, of Ironton, being Collector, which position he held till the Andrew Johnson administration began. In 1875 Mr. Tewksbury was elected president and general superintendent of the Norton Iron Works, of Ashland, Kentucky, for one year, and at the end of that time retired from all active participation in business affairs. He helped organize the Portsmouth National Bank, which received its charter in 1865, and was a member of its board of directors up to the time of his death.

Mr. Tewksbury was twice married. His first wife, before marriage Miss Sarah W. Linn, was the orphan daughter of Andrew and Jane Linn, of Brown county, Ohio. The marriage occurred in September, 1845, and Mrs. Tewksbury died at Jackson Furnace in the spring of 1851. They had three children born to them, two of whom grew to womanhood, the other dying in infancy. Ella S. married J. N. Murray, January 29, 1867, and bore him two children: Albert Linn and Isabella. She died January 29, 1867. The second daughter. Sarah Linn, married John Peebles, of the firm of Reed & Peebles, November 8, 1870, and died July 7, 1881, Her only child being Martha S. Peebles.

REV. DALLAS TUCKER is the rector of All Saints' (Episcopal) Church at Portsmouth, having taken charge of the parish November 19, 1893. Mr. Tucker was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1850. His father, Dr. David H. Tucker, was a son of Judge Henry St. G. Tucker, of the Virginia Court of Appeals. His mother was a daughter of George M. Dallas, Vice President in Mr. Polk's administration. Rev. Mr. Tucker, though born in Philadelphia, was reared in Richmond, Virginia, where he was educated and resided until 1876. He was ordained a Presbyter in the Episcopal Church at the Theological Seminary of Virginia, near Alexandria, in 1875. Prior to this he had some mission work in Richmond, while pursuing his classical studies at Richmond College. In 1876 he received a call to Trinity Church, West Philadelphia, and resided there for several years, when he moved to Wooster, Ohio. In 1882 he accepted an invitation to take charge of Zion Church,

Charlestown, Jefferson county, West Virginia, and was rector of that church from this time until he moved to Portsmouth.

Mr. Tucker, like his father, married a Philadelphian, namely, a Miss Ashburner, daughter of Algernon E. Ashburner, for many years a large and successful wholesale merchant in that city.

JOSEPH I. VAUSE, whose name stands near the head of wealthy farmers in Liberty township, Ross county, Ohio, is the subject of this article.

Mr. Vause is a descendant of an old Virginia family. His father, James Vause, was born in the Old Dominion and grew to manhood there. When a young man he came to Ross county, Ohio, and was here joined in marriage to Eliza Homers. He did not, however, settle in Ross county at that time, but returned with his bride to his home, which was then near Wheeling, West Virginia. They continued to live at that place until early in the twenties, when they came back to Ross county and settled in Liberty township, on the farm now owned by the subject of this sketch. About 1832 they removed to Walnut Creek, which is now in Jefferson township, and here James Vause died in December, 1856. His wife died in the summer of 1882 at the home of D. R. Homers. They had a family of seven children who reached adult years, of whom Joseph I. was the second-born, his birth occurring about twelve miles from Wheeling, West Virginia, June 14, 1819. He was therefore quite young when he was brought by his parents to Ross county, Ohio.

Joseph I. Vause was married in Franklin township, Ross county, Ohio, December 8, 1847, to Miss Jane D. Foster, daughter of Colonel John and Rebecca (Russell) Foster. Her father and mother were natives respectively of Ross county, Ohio, and Kentucky, nearly all their married life being passed in Franklin township. They died at the home of their daughter in Clinton county, Ohio, the mother in 1878, the father in 1879. Of a family of nine children, all of whom lived to grow up, Mrs. Vause was the fifth. Her birth occurred in Franklin township, July 13, 1831. A record of Mr. and Mrs. Vause's children is as follows: John F., who died January 27, 1892, aged twenty-eight years; Mary D., is the wife of James C. Foster; Anna H., widow of George C. Foster; Sally R.; James M., who married Grace Harness; Nellie D., wife of John I. Van Meter; and Joseph I., Jr. They lost four children in infancy, and one son, William G., who died when about fourteen years old.

Mr. Vause has been engaged in farming all his life, his operations being conducted on an extensive scale. His farm comprises 539 acres, being a portion of the original tract located by his grandfather, Joseph Homers. His residence is among the best in the neighborhood. Mrs. Vause is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Chillicothe.

DR. THOMAS WALLER.—One of the best esteemed of the families in southern Ohio, for social virtues, the worth and ability of its representatives, is that of Waller. The founder of this branch of the Waller family, to which the subject of this sketch belonged, was named Charles Waller, who, according to tradition, was a descendant of Edmund

Waller, the famous poet laureate. Said Edmund Waller was a lineal descendant of Alured De Waller, who came to England from Normandy with William the Conqueror, settled in the county of Kent, and died in 1183.

Charles Waller was a Royalist, and was driven from England during the reign of Oliver Cromwell. He came to America and settled at or near the mouth of Acquia creek, in Stafford county, Virginia.

William Waller, a son of Charles Waller, married Mary Allen, a daughter of George Allen and Mary Withers Allen, both residents of Stafford county, Virginia, and to them were born John Waller, William Waller and Allen Waller.

John Waller married Mary Matthews, daughter of Thomas Matthews, of Stafford county, Virginia, and to them were born Sarah Waller, who died unmarried; Edward Waller, who married Sarah Callis; Edward was the first settler in the town of Limestone, now known as Maysville, Kentucky; William Waller, who died when very young; John Waller, wife's name unknown. His descendants are living in Daviess county, Indiana. John Waller was a member of the Revolutionary army.

Elizabeth Waller, who married James McClellan, of Bourbon county, Kentucky, where her descendents still reside.

Susannah Waller, who married David Sterns, of Pendleton county, Kentucky. Her descendants reside near Quincy, Illinois. Hannah Waller married, first, Charles Porter, and secondly, Fielding Coppage.

Dr. Thomas Waller, son of John Waller and Mary (Matthews) Waller, was born in Stafford county, Virginia, September 14, 1774. He received a classical education at old William and Mary College of Williamsburg, Virginia. Graduating at said college, he came to Kentucky in 1797, and located in Bourbon county, where he for a short time engaged in merchandizing. He next attended lectures at Pennsylvania Medical College, being a pupil of Dr. Benjamin Rush. After graduating, he returned to Bourbon county, Kentucky, to practice medicine. On the 14th day of June, 1800, at the residence of John Scott, Millersburg, Kentucky, he was married to Elizabeth Macfarlane, daughter of Captain Andrew Macfarlane, who was a Captain in the Revolutionary army.

After Dr. Waller's marriage, he took his wife to visit her relatives in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. They remained in Pennsylvania one year, during which time Dr. Waller attended another course of medical lectures. While living in Shippensburg, Margaret, their first child, was born. In 1801 Dr. Waller, with his wife and child, came to Ohio, making the trip on horseback to Wheeling, West Virginia, thence to Alexandria by the Ohio river, and arrived at Alexandria, Scioto county (then Adams county), Ohio, June 21, 1801. He purchased property in Alexandria, and at once entered upon the practice of his profession, being the first physician in Scioto county. He was elected Justice of the Peace of his township in 1803, and when Scioto county was organized he was elected to be its first Representative in the Ohio Legislature. In consequence of troubles arising from the frequent inundations of the Ohio river, he moved his family to Portsmouth, Ohio, about three miles from Alexandria, where he continued to reside up to the day of his death.

Dr. Waller was appointed Postmaster of

Portsmouth in 1810, being its first Postmaster. He held this office until his death in 1823. In addition to the positions of honor and trust above mentioned, he was president of the Commercial Bank of Scioto county, Ohio, and in 1815 was chosen as the first President of the first Council of the town (now city) of Portsmonth. He was one of the first Wardens of the first Vestry of All Saints' Parish. The branch of the Waller family of which Dr. Waller was a descendant, were all loyal, stanch Episcopalians, and all of his children were baptized in All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church.

Dr. Waller died July 19, 1823, of sickness brought about by overwork. The late Dr. Hempstead, once an eminent physician in Portsmouth, said in an address: "Dr. Waller was genial, witty and full of good humor. In manners he was a fair specimen of the Virginia gentlemen of the old school of politeness, and without a particle of professional jealousy or selfishness." The late James Keyes, a prominent local historian, in his sketch of Dr. Waller, says: "He died, leaving more friends and fewer enemies than any other man in Scioto county." The children born to Dr. Thomas Waller and Elizabeth Macfarlane Waller are as follows: Margaret Waller, who married Captain Francis Cleveland, an uncle of President Cleveland; Mary Waller, who married Washington Kinney; William Waller, unmarried. Thomas Waller, who married Mirian Coppage, his cousin; Elizabeth Waller, unmarried; Hannah Waller, also unmarried; John Waller, who married Mary J. Baldridge; Susannah Waller, who became Mrs. John P. Terry; George Allen Waller, who married Jane Davey. Susannah Terry and George Allen Waller are the only surviving members of Dr. Waller's family. They both reside in Portsmouth and are the oldest people now living who were born in Portsmouth, Ohio.

ISAAC V. HARPER, a prominent resident of Washington township, Highland county, Ohio, is one of the representative citizens of this community, and is the son of an early pioneer of the county. Daniel Harper, his father, was born in Pierson county, North Carolina, in September, 1791, and the date of his arrival in Highland county was May, 1830. He left North Carolina in the fall of 1829 and wintered in the mountains of West Virginia. Upon reaching his destination, he settled on the Jehu Lewis place, where he lived one year. Then he rented 500 acres of Allen Trimble, south of Hillsborough, and farmed it for four years. The next twelve years he farmed the Heirs tract of land, and then moved on the Academy tract, which he farmed three years. The rest of his life was spent on a small farm owned by his son, and on it he passed away, the date of his death being December 5, 1871. His remains rest in Prospect cemetery. The good wife of this worthy pioneer was before her marriage Miss Elizabeth Hobbs. She was a native of Virginia, born in 1798; was married to Mr. Harper in the spring of 1819; and passed to her reward above July 2, 1877. A record of their children is as follows: William, born February 11, 1820, is a resident of Newton county, Missouri, he and his wife, *nee* Mary Ann Martin, being the parents of one child, William Mason; Martha Jane, born in 1822, is the wife of William Higgins, a tailor of Douglas county, Illinois, their children being Franklin, Minerva, James and Hattie; Elizabeth,

born in 1824, died at the age of twenty years; Benjamin, born in 1829, died at the age of seventeen; Isaac V., whose name heads this article; Maria, born in 1833, is the wife of William Gibler, a farmer of this county, and has seven children, Malissa, Samuel, Clement, John, Laura, Louie and Myrtie; John, born in 1835, died at the age of two years; Mary Ann Tamson, born in 1838, is the wife of William Storer; Rhoda, born in 1840, was married in 1868 to D. Sandee, and she and her infant child died in 1869; Joseph Howell, born in 1843, married Alice Arnold, and they have five children.

Vinton Harper, the grandfather of our subject, was born in North Carolina, and died in that State in 1828, at the age of sixty years. His father was an Englishman and his mother was a native of Ireland, and he, too, married a native of the Emerald Isle. His wife survived him, and came to Ohio, where she passed the closing years of her life and died.

Isaac V. Harper was born March 16, 1831. He remained at home until the death of his father. In the spring of 1852 he visited Pike county, Illinois, remaining there during the summer and returning to Ohio the following fall. At the opening of the civil war in 1861 he tendered his services to the Union cause, but was rejected on account of his ill health.

Mr. Harper's first purchase of land was on the Chillicothe pike, in the fall of 1857. He erected buildings on this place and made other improvements, and resided here until the fall of 1892, when he moved to what was known as the Shelton farm, which comprised eighty-three acres and which he had purchased in the summer of 1891. He bought the 163 acres where he now lives of Mary Ann Thooley and moved to it in March, 1894.

Mr. Harper was married November 16, 1861, to Amanda Melvina Higgins, who was born July 13, 1834, daughter of T. C. and Julia A. (Weaver) Higgins. Their children are: Julia Alice, born September 16, 1862; John Franklin, September 7, 1864; Charles, January 14, 1867; Rosalia, March 5, 1869; Anna Laura, December 6, 1870; Homer Benjamin, December 25, 1872; Carrie Bernice, April 11, 1875; and Katie Grace, July 21, 1878. All have had good educational advantages, and four of them have become popular and successful teachers. John F. has been teaching in this and adjoining counties for fourteen years and Charles C. has been in the work for eight years, Anna L. and Homer B. being the others referred to.

Mr. Harper is a Republican in politics, and has been elected Township Trustee in a strong Democratic district. He is a member of the I. O. O. F.

JOHN GEDDES PEEBLES, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born near Chillicothe, this State, November 30, 1813. His father, John Peebles, was born near Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, November 21, 1769, and died at Hanging Rock, Ohio, October 22, 1846. His mother, *nee* Margaret Rogers, was also a native of Shippensburg, born May 13, 1777. She died at Hanging Rock, Ohio, August 28, 1847, and rests beside her husband in Green Lawn cemetery, Portsmouth, Ohio. The parents of our subject came to Ohio in 1807, passing down the Ohio river from Pittsburg to Portsmouth on a flat-boat, proceeding by wagons and o

foot from there to Chillicothe, where they lived until April 2, 1819, and then moved to Portsmouth, Ohio, arriving April 3, 1819. Mr. and Mrs. John Peebles were married November 17, 1795, and reared a family of nine children,—William, who died July 24, 1829, aged thirty-three years; Rachel Rogers, deceased at Portsmouth, August 27, 1883, aged eighty-five years; Elizabeth, died at Portsmouth, Ohio, April 15, 1875, at the age of seventy-five years; Fanny Denny, died in infancy in Pennsylvania, November 11, 1804; Jane Finley, died November 1, 1875, aged sixty-nine years; Richard Rogers, died at Hempstead, Texas, August 8, 1893, aged eighty-three years; Margaret Rogers, died at Portsmouth, Ohio, September 27, 1822, aged eleven years; John Geddes is the subject of this sketch; and Joseph Scott, died at Portsmouth, Ohio, July 8, 1893, aged seventy-three years.

After locating in Portsmouth, Mr. Peebles followed his trade, that of cabinet-maker, but also did a commission business and ran a hotel for a time,—until 1830. In 1819-20 he was engaged in the manufacture by hand of cut iron nails, which at that time sold for from forty to sixty cents a pound.

Our subject, John G. Peebles, attended the primitive schools of the village of Portsmouth until he was fourteen years old. He then entered the dry goods store of his uncle, John McCoy, at Chillicothe, Ohio, and continued there in a clerical capacity for eighteen months, when he returned to Portsmouth to assist his father in his commission business. In 1843 he moved his family to Pine Grove Furnace, Lawrence county, Ohio, where business matters called him, and the following year became manager of the furnace. Mr. Peebles continued in this position for about ten years, during which time he accumulated a small capital. In 1854, together with his brother, Joseph Scott Peebles, and Samuel Coles, they bought a half interest in Pine Grove Furnace and the Hanging Rock Coal Company. In 1864 this interest was sold to Thomas W. Means and others. In 1860 our subject became the successor of James Rogers, as president of the Iron Bank of Ironton, located at Ironton, Ohio, which position he filled until the bank merged into the First National Bank of Ironton, when he became its president, and so continued until his removal to Portsmouth. During his residence in Lawrence county, he was interested in other enterprises than those mentioned, the most important of which were the Belfont Iron Works Company at Ironton, Ohio, the Ashland Coal Company, and the Ashland Coal and Iron Railway Company. Mr. Peebles changed his residence from Ironton to Portsmouth, August 28, 1865. Two years later, in partnership with S. G. Johnson and Benjamin B. Gaylord, he built the hub and spoke factory of Portsmouth, the firm being Johnson, Peebles & Company, and later sold his interests to Josiah H. Roads and Sherman G. Johnson. This business was conducted under the name of Johnson, Roads & Company in 1877, and as Johnson & Son in 1880. Mr. Peebles was a stockholder in the Portsmouth National Bank from its formation, later became a director, and on the death of George Johnson, in 1875, was elected president, and still fills that position.

Mr. Peebles was married June 10, 1835, to Miss Martha Rose Steele, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Nine children were the fruits of this union, five of whom are still living,—Robert, secretary and treasurer of the Ashland Coal and Iron Railway

Company at Ashland, Kentucky; John, of the firm of Reed, Peebles & Company, Portsmouth, Ohio; Richard R., merchant and stone and lumber dealer at Henley, Ohio; daughters, Margaret J and Mary E. Mr. Peebles and family are members of the First Presbyterian Church, of Portsmouth, Ohio.

THE REV. WILLIAM WILLIAMSON.—Sometimes a man's career can be judged by his ancestors and sometimes by his posterity, and sometimes we can look to both to give a fair estimate of him, after his life work has been done. The subject of this sketch will favorably bear investigation in both ways.

The Rev. William Williamson was born September 23, 1762, near Greenville, North Carolina, the eldest of six children. His father, Thomas, was born in 1736, and his mother, *née* Anne Newton,—related to the family of Sir Isaac Newton, and Rev. John Newton,—was born in March, 1738. Her father emigrated from England with his wife and family. He and they were thirteen weeks crossing the ocean, contending with storms and sickness, and he buried two children at sea. Anne and Elizabeth survived and married brothers. Thomas and Anne settled at Greenville, North Carolina, where all of their children were born.

During the Revolutionary war, William entered the army and served under General Gates in the hard campaign in the summer of 1780. His command saw very severe service, and he often engaged in forced marches, in the great heat, when the soldiers were not allowed even to stop and drink at the roadside, and often the soldiers were half starved. Young Williamson was small for his age, and not strong, and he and 200 of his command were captured at the battle of Camden, South Carolina, August 10, 1780. During young Williamson's service, his mother would often stay up all night, and, assisted by her servants, cook for the soldiers, and his father would carry the victuals to them in his wagon the day following.

When the war was over, Thomas Williamson with his family moved to the Spartanburg District, South Carolina. He purchased a cotton plantation there, on which the county-seat was afterward located. After this event, he bought a place a few miles distant from the court house, on which he lived until his death in 1813.

Young William Williamson, after the Revolutionary war, was sent to Hampden Sidney College in Virginia, where he received a liberal education, and was graduated. He studied theology, and was installed as pastor of the Fair Forest Presbyterian Church in April, 1793.

He believed in the married state. His first wife was a Miss Catherine Buford, of Abbeville, South Carolina. By her he had four daughters, Anne Newton, who married Dr. William B. Willson in 1818; Mary married James Ellison, Elizabeth married Robinson Baird, and Esther married William Kirker. His second wife was Jane Smith of North Carolina, by whom he had two children: the Rev. Thomas Smith Williamson, missionary to the Dakotas, and Jane Smith Williamson, who never married, but has always been known as "Aunt Jane." He also had a third wife, in her old age, formerly Hannah Johnson. The Rev. William Williamson had a brother Thomas, sixteen years younger than himself. They were devotedly attached to each other, and both espoused strong anti-

slavery notions. Thomas became an accomplished physican. William Williamson and his second wife regarded slavery as a great evil. While they owned slaves they believed it wrong to sell them. Mrs. Williamson felt the condition of the slaves so strongly, that she undertood to teach them to read. This, of course, came to the ears of her slaveholding neighbors, and she was remonstrated with time and again, to no purpose. Finally the patrol visited her and told her if she did not stop she would be prosecuted under the stringent laws of South Carolina forbidding slaves to be taught to read. Mrs. Williamson had high notions of right and wrong, and was a southern woman of great spirit. Her husband warmly sympathized with her, and both thought they might do as they chose with their own property. The authorities, however, were as firm as Mrs. Williamson, and she and her husband resolved to take their slaves to a State where they could teach them to read without let or hindrance. They emigrated with them to Ohio in 1805. His father dying in 1813, by his will gave his slaves to his son William, but with directions to set them free. To accomplish this, his mother left South Carolina soon after the death of his father, and brought her slaves to Ohio, and set them free. She continued to live with her son in Adams county till her death in 1820.

His mother was a superior woman, a sincere Christian and a philanthropist. She gave a liberal education to two of her slaves: Rev. Benjamin Templeton, who became a Presbyterian minister in Philadelphia; and John N. Templeton, who graduated at the Ohio University and became a successful teacher in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

William Williamson took up lands not far from Manchester, and made a home there during his life. His lands were near those of his brother-in-law, Col. John Means, who married his sister Anne, born August 17, 1760. This sister had been married to Col. Means in South Carolina, April 10, 1778. Col. Means, however, did not remove to Ohio till 1819.

The home of Rev. William Williamson in Adams county was called "The Beeches." He accepted a church at Cabin Creek, Ky., on the Ohio river and about four miles from his home, on the 16th of May, 1805, and continued to minister to that church until 1820. His record there was that the church grew and prospered, and he was esteemed one of the most devoted, pious, and popular ministers of his day. He was also minister to the Presbyterian Church in West Union, Ohio, from May, 1805, till 1819, when he was succeeded by the Rev. Dyer Burgess. His religion must have been sincere and deep, for in 1809, when the stone church was to be built at West Union, he subscribed one-half of his salary toward it. He was received into the Chillicothe Presbytery from the second Presbytery of South Carolina, on August 28, 1805, along with the Rev. Robert G. Wilson, and the Rev. James Gilliland. They became the fathers of Presbyterianism in southern Ohio, and to him and to his associates is due the strength and power of the Presbyterian Church of to-day. They laid the foundation upon which others built. Rev. Williamson was many times Moderator, and often Clerk of the Chillicothe Presbytery. He was influential, active, and useful in the church and as a citizen. When the Rev. Dyer Burgess took charge of West Union Church in 1829, Rev. Williamson thereafter

devoted his labors to the Manchester Church so long as he was able to perform ministerial duties.

He died at "The Beeches" near Manchester, Ohio, November 29, 1839, aged seventy-seven years.

If, before becoming acquainted with his history, we had learned that of his patriotic father and heoric mother, and had learned that of his son, Rev. Thomas S. Williamson, and his daughter, Jane Williamson, we could outline his character, and point out his place and his power, just as the astronomer can find a new star and state its magnitude, and give its orbit from those which surround it. We reason forward from Thomas Williamson and Anne Newton, his wife, that persons of such noble characters must produce a like son. From the daughters and son raised by the Rev. William Williamson, we see the characters he has molded and sent forth to bless the world. No hero ever did nobler or better work than the Rev. Thomas Smith Williamson, the missionary to the Dakotas. No woman showed a greater spirit of devotion to the church and to humanity than his sister, Jane Williamson, his coadjutor in the work of evangelizing the red men. If they were William Williamson's children, what must have been the father, to whom they owed the missionary spirit? His four daughters by the first wife were godly, pious mothers, who reared large families of sons and daughters, and taught them the love of God and the devotion to right and justice, which characterized their father and mother before them.

The descendants of Rev. William Williamson are wonderfully numerous. They, in their several generations, obeyed the primeval commandment to multiply and replenish the earth, and they are to-day, wherever found, the same God-fearing, God-loving people,—pious and devoted to the right as they understand the right, as their progenitor was before them.

The memory of these pioneers in the church of God should be carefully preserved and treasured. This generation should know every detail of their labors and sacrifices.

Where a man could break up a pleasant home, bid adieu to all he had ever known, and travel 800 miles through a wilderness, and locate in another wilderness that he might live in a free State, and might give the blacks he owned the blessings of freedom,—such a man was a hero, and he deserves to be remembered by posterity.

His generation should be proud of such a man, and envy his memory, that it has no such opportunity to demonstrate its devotion to right and principle —N. W. E.

ROBERT HENRY MILLER, retired banker, of Greenfield, Ohio, was born August 24, 1831, at Culpeper Court House, Virginia. He had fairly good school advantages, both private and public, a number of terms being an attendant at Greenfield Academy, of which Professor I. G. Blair, of Yale College, was principal. His first business experience was obtained as a clerk in his father's store. When but eighteen years old he went to Chillicothe and did some work as copyist in the office of the County Clerk, remaining there one year. He then accepted a position as clerk in the dry goods store of F. & S. D. Campbell, and remained with them until the great fire, April 1, 1852. At that time he returned to Greenfield, and, his father wishing to retire from the mercantile

business, took his interest, W. W. Caldwell being the other partner, the firm name being Caldwell & Miller. This partnership continued eight years. In the meantime our subject's father died, and Mr. Miller and his brother-in-law, S. S. Langdon, were made administrators of the estate. Finding his duties too onerous, Mr. Miller soon afterward disposed of his interest in the mercantile business, trading it to Colonel Jacob Hyer for 176 acres of land near the town. On this farm was a valuable peach orchard of 5,000 trees, and located near the Rattlesnake falls, on Rattlesnake river. Later the broker's office of Caldwell & Miller was organized. This business gradually developed into the First National Bank of Greenfield, with a capital stock of $50,000, of which the firm of Caldwell & Miller took $25,000. The company was officered as follows: W. W. Caldwell, president; R. H. Miller, cashier; John Boyd, Washington Mains, Alexander Beatty, Samuel Sollers and Robert Anderson, directors. This bank was No. 103 in the United States, was the first one organized in this congressional district, and hence to the subject of this sketch belongs the distinction of having signed the first national bank note ($5) ever issued in this part of the State of Ohio. The first safe ever brought to Greenfield was purchased for this bank. It is now owned and used by A. S. Mackerlie, jeweler. Mr. Miller disposed of his interests in the bank October 31, 1866, after which he visited the South, with a view of investing there; but, after making a few minor purchases, returned to Greenfield and has lived here ever since.

At Tarlton, Pickaway county, Ohio, June 4, 1857, Mr. Miller married Miss Cynthia Sophronia Shoemaker, daughter of Joseph and Eliza W. (Carpenter) Shoemaker. Her maternal ancestry can be traced back to William Carpenter, born in England in 1570. His son, William Carpenter (2), was born in 1600, and together they came to America in 1638. A coat of arms was granted to the elder of these two in the town of Coben, Surrey county, England, viz.: "Argent greyhound, passants able Grand." The younger William Carpenter became prominent in America, serving as a Representative in 1641–2–3. Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Miller became the parents of the following children: Mary Eliza, born June 8, 1858, died September 17, 1859; Estell, born April 3, 1862, died July 19, 1862; Maggie, born February 27, 1871, died March 26, 1871; Lucia Alice, born June 1, 1864, died December 10, 1872; Bertha Ellen, born October 28, 1860, died June 3, 1880, and was a graduate of the Wesleyan University of Cincinnati; Olive Lowell, born September 1, 1868, is a graduate of the Wesleyan University of Cincinnati and also of the College of Music, Cincinnati, and was married, June 4, 1892, to Professor Gorman Jones, who at this writing fills the chair of Greek and Natural Sciences at Williamsburg College, Williamsburg, Kentucky; and Emily Belle, born July 6, 1877, is now attending the college, where she is studying the French, German and Latin languages, in connection with other school work. She has presided over the beautiful home in Greenfield, her mother having departed this life February 22, 1894. Mrs. Miller was a remarkable woman in many respects. Of a very religious nature, she became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church at the early age of thirteen, and her whole life was characterized by the sweetest of Christian graces. At the age of seventeen she graduated at Oakland Seminary, Hillsboro, Ohio, and was a very in-

tellectual woman, at the same time possessing a rare loveliness both in appearance and manner that attracted every one to her.

While he has never aspired to political honors, Mr. Miller has always taken a deep interest in public affairs, and has entertained many of the leading statesmen of the country. The Hon. John Sherman is one of his warm friends and is a frequent guest at his home. During the war Mr. Miller was not enlisted in the regular army, but was appointed by Governor Tod as captain of the Home Guard. This company he uniformed at his own expense, and remained its captain as long as there was any danger of an invasion from the enemy. For many years Mr. Miller has been identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has had the pleasure of entertaining many of the official dignitaries of the church on their regular rounds. The late lamented Bishop Simpson was always a welcome guest at his home.

EDWARD HAMILTON MILLER, who has for many years been prominently identified with the banking interests of Greenfield, Ohio, and who is well known throughout Highland and adjoining counties, forms the subject of this article.

Mr. Miller is a son of Aylette and Mary J. Miller, concerning whom individual mention is made elsewhere in this volume, and was born on his father's farm near New Petersburg, Highland county, Ohio, April 22, 1838. When he was two years old his parents moved to Greenfield, and still later to South Salem, Ross county, Ohio. There, at eighteen years of age, he entered the South Salem Academy, then conducted by Prof. James M. Lowes and well known for its excellency, and in that institution he he spent two years. In the spring of 1858 he accepted a clerical position in his brother's store. He was not, however, content to remain long as a clerk, but must see and know something of the world for himself. The following year we find him in Le Claire, Iowa, where he and his brother James A. opened a banking house under the firm name of James A. & E. H. Miller.

When news of the discovery of gold at Pike's Peak spread over the country, Mr. Miller was among the throng that made a rush for the diggings. The company with which he traveled numbered about fifty and was about two months in making the journey. Arrived there, they found both labor and provisions high. He visited the various mining districts of that region and mined principally in Buckskin Joe's diggings and California Gulch, his operations, however, not being attended with success, owing to his heavy expenses. So he turned his face homeward, and landed in Greenfield in March, 1861.

This was on the eve of the Civil war. Mr. Miller was among the first to tender his services for the defense of the Union. He first enlisted in Company K, Twenty-second Ohio Volunteer Iafantry, under Captain Payne, and after serving five months was mustered out at Athens, Ohio. November 12, 1861, he re-enlisted, this time in Company H, Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, of which Orland Smith, of Chillicothe, was Colonel, and Jacob Hyer, of Greenfield, Lieutenant Colonel. The regiment rendezvoused at Chillicothe, and was organized at a time when it was very difficult to recruit men for the service. The organizing began in September and it was Novem-

ber 16 before the first company,—Company A,—came into camp a hundred strong. Shortly afterward Company H, which, however, was not complete, joined the regiment. Mr. Miller left Chillicothe, in company with his regiment, January 24, 1862, to join General Rosecrans in West Virginia, and remained with his command, acting the part of a brave soldier, until he was stricken down on the field of battle. A detailed account of all the marches and engagements in which he participated would fill a volume, and it is a matter of regret with the writer that only a brief mention of his army life can be presented here. Enough, however, is given to show the part he took in the sanguinary struggle. Before leaving Chillicothe, Mr. Miller was elected Orderly Sergeant, and at Weston, March 19, 1862, he was promoted to the position of Second Lieutenant, which he held during the remainder of his service. On the second day of the second battle of Bull Run, while in command of his company,—the Captain being absent and the First Lieutenant having resigned,—Mr. Miller was struck by a ball and was reported killed. The press dispatches having duly reported that "Lieutenant Miller was cut down while gallantly leading his company in the second day's fight," his brother, R. H. Miller, and Dr. Milton Dunlap immediately repaired to the scene of battle to recover the body, and were overjoyed to find that he was only wounded. A leader of the left leg had been cut by the ball, making it impossible for him to use that limb, and for six months he was unable to walk without the use of crutches. Having obtained a furlough, he reached home September 13, 1862, and on February 1, 1863, received a final discharge from the service.

Mr. Miller now began his business career at Greenfield, and, under the firm name of Wright & Miller, did a general grain and grocery business. The building now occupied by C. C. Norton was erected by this firm.

In June, 1865, he formed a partnership with J. C. Norton, under the name of Miller & Norton, and this continued for one year, when Mr. Miller retired from the firm and temporarily from business.

In May, 1867, the Highland County Bank was organized, with the following directors: R. H. Miller, president; E. H. Miller, cashier; and W. W. Caldwell, Reece Jury, John J. Bell and A. J. Smart. Prior to this our subject had been instrumental in organizing the First National Bank, of Greenfield, of which W. W. Caldwell was president, and R. H. Miller cashier. Later he sold his interest in this institution. The Highland County Bank started with a capital of $25,000, which it still retains. In 1870 Mr. Miller bought out the interest of all other parties, and has since been the sole owner. This institution does a general banking business, and it is no more than just to say that it is the strongest and does the largest business of any bank in the county. Its deposits, which reach nearly a half million dollars, are larger than those of any bank in the State, as compared with its capital. Its principal correspondents are the Western National, of New York city, the Fourth National of Cincinnati, and the First National of Chicago. Mr. Miller has as his efficient assistants Fay Baldwin, as cashier, and E. G. Miller as assistant cashier. The office hours are from nine a. m. to three p. m., and from six-thirty to eight on Saturday evening. Never for a minute has the bank been closed dur-

ing business hours since the day of its opening. During the panics of 1873 and 1878, when currency was hard to obtain and banks were suspending temporarily and permanently on every hand, this institution never once refused to pay coin on its paper. Having so successfully weathered so many dark days, the financial stringency which has so recently passed over the country gave this bank no concern whatever.

Mr. Miller has never been actively identified with politics, although his party (the Republican) has repeatedly solicited him to accept positions and twice nominated him for Representative, both of which nominations he kindly but firmly declined. While duly appreciating the honors thus offered him, he felt that he could not sacrifice his business and jeopardize the interests of so many by absenting himself from home. He has acted as Treasurer of the city for nineteen years.

Mr. Miller is a member of the Masonic order; Gibson Post, G. A. R., and Cincinnati Commadery of Loyal Legion, U. S. A.

He was married May 6, 1863, to Miss Mary Emily Gore, daughter of Joshua and Rebecca Jane Gore of Springfield, Ohio. Their children are Edward Gore Miller, assistant cashier of the bank; and Dwight Otis Miller, who recently graduated in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

AYLETTE MILLER.—No family has been more actively identified with the banking and business affairs of Greenfield than has the Miller family, of which Aylette Miller is the founder in the State of Ohio, and no history of Highland county would be complete without more than a passing mention of them. The following sketch will therefore be of interest to many.

Aylette Miller was born in Culpeper county, Virginia, July 4, 1804. He inherited the Glenn mills, located in that county, and in connection with the mills ran a small store. He wasalways a religious as well as an active business man, and in 1830, he, together with Ezekiel Haines, John Hopper and Charles D. Browning, founded the first Sunday school in Culpeper county, Virginia. In the fall of 1832 he came to Highland county, Ohio, first visiting Hillsborough and later locating at New Petersburgh, where, in partnership with Charles D. Browning, he opened a small store. He continued in the mercantile business, with short periods of retirement, the rest of his life, conducting stores at Rainesborough, Greenfield, South Salem, Goodhope and Martinsburgh. He finally returned to South Salem in order to give his children the benefit of good educational advantages, and there he passed the closing years of his life and died, his death occuring February 26, 1859. He was married at Culpeper Court House, Virginia, March 22, 1827, to Mary Jane Spillman, a native of Rappahannock county, Virginia, the date of her birth being October 26, 1806. When she was left a widow she moved with her family to Greenfield, where she made her home until the marriage of her youngest child, Mary Alice, to Dr. H. S. Fullerton of Hillsborough, Ohio, with whom she resided until the time of her death, October 30, 1892. A local paper, in referring to her death, had this to say of her character: "Quiet and unostentatious in manner, devoted to her children and grand-children, generous to the poor, ever lending a helping hand to those in need, patient in suffering, cheerful in

times of trial, and kind and considerate to all, she led a model life and has gone to her Master's welcome. 'Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'"

A record of Mr. and Mrs. Aylette Miller's children is as follows: Eleanor (1), born June 26, 1829, was married June 16, 1847, to Seth S. Langdon, a merchant of South Salem, Ohio. Mr. Langdon died March 2, 1871, leaving a widow and three children—Mary Estella, Luella Warner (widow of Professor Major) and Alice Idella. Mrs. Langdon resides in her elegant residence in Greenfield. Robert Henry (2), who is mentioned elsewhere in this work. James Aylette (3) was born June 4, 1834. He located in Lyndon, Illinois, and there, February 16, 1858, married Mary Lowell Holt. Their only child was Aylette Percy. From Lyndon Mr. J. A. Miller removed to Dubuque, Iowa, where he spent the rest of his days and died, the date of his death being April 19, 1868. His widow, a lady of great beauty and rare accomplishments, subsequently became the wife of a wealthy New Englander and is now living in Boston. E. H. Miller (4) is mentioned elsewhere in this work. Ludlow Decatur Miller (5) was born March 21, 1842; married Mary L. Hitchcock, August 27, 1865, and is living near South Salem, Ross county, Ohio, engaged in agricultural pursuits. Their children are Daisy Dellbertha, Merrick and Alice. Maxwell Brent Miller (6) was born June 14, 1844; is unmarried, and is engaged in farming in Iowa. Mary Alice (7), born September 2, 1847; was married to Dr. H. S. Fullerton, October 22, 1868, and is living in Hillsborough, as stated above.

Aylette Miller was reared a Quaker, while his wife was brought up in the faith of the Episcopal Church. At the time of their marriage they both united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which they remained consistent members the rest of their lives. He was always bitterly opposed to the institution of slavery, and never owned a slave in his life. The other members of his family in Virginia, however, was largely engaged in the traffic. His final coming to Ohio was occasioned by the desire to rear his children in a State not contaminated by the evil surroundings peculiar to the old slavery *regime*. When he left Virginia he was in limited circumstances and his family numbered five—himself, his wife, their two children and the nurse—and they made the journey in a carryall, while the few goods they had were hauled in a wagon. A short time after he had located here, Mr. Miller returned to Virginia for his portion of the estate, which amounted to $8,000. The trials of the pioneer merchant in Ohio are well known, and Mr. Miller experienced his share of the dangerous mountain trips to the East, with their accompanying adventures.

Henry Miller, father of this old pioneer, died in Rappahannock county, Virginia, June 7, 1833, aged seventy-five years. His father was a native of Germany, and was one of the early settlers of the Old Dominion. Henry Miller's children were John, Samuel, Aylette and Henry, Jr. The last named was superintendent of the United States Armory at Harper's Ferry until the John Brown raid.

Little is known of the ancestry of Mrs. Aylette Miller. Her father, Robert Spillman, was a native of Virginia and a prominent educator. A member of the family, born in England in 1600, came to Virginia in 1622, and was associated with the early settlers of Jamestown. Another member

of the English branch of the family is buried in Westminster Abbey.

The following beautiful tribute is paid to the memory of our subject by the Hon. H. L. Dickey, of Greenfield, Ohio, who knew him intimately for a great portion of his life:

"Mr. Miller was what the present generation would call a gentleman of the old school. He was always courteous and affable. Indeed, politeness with Mr. Miller was an innate principle, and the writer can see him yet, with his smooth-shaven face, kindly smile and benign countenance, greeting pleasantly all whom he met.

"He made no enemies, and if he had any, the fault was not his. He was a representative of the best qualities of the people among whom he lived. His name was synonymous of integrity and promptness in all business relations, and he was a diligent and successful man whose word was as good as his bond. He was always chaste in his conversation, and never uttered an obscene or profane word. His morals were as pure and unimpeachable as his extensive business record.

"Mr. Miller was exact and precise in his dealings, always careful that accuracy in weight, measurement and change should be observed. Years have elapsed since Mr. Miller's death, yet the influence of his painstaking and correct business methods, still remains and is felt in the community where he so long lived a most exemplary life."

WELLS ANDREWS HUTCHINS, attorney, Portsmouth, was born at Hartford, Trumbull county, Ohio, October 7, 1818. His parents were Asa and Hannah (Bushnell) Hutchins. They were natives of Connecticut, and moved from Hartford at an early period in the history of Ohio, and settled in Trumbull county. The father was a man of much force of character; he served as Colonel in the war of 1812, and died in 1830, in the prime of manhood, leaving a widow and eight children, of whom our subject was the fourth child in age. At the death of the father it became necessary for every member of the family to do what could be done toward making a living. Accordingly our subject, although but twelve years old, went to work on a farm, and continued there for one year, receiving his clothes, support and $25 for his services. He practically became self-dependent at this early age. He picked up what knowledge he could, and at the age of eighteen years, found himself qualified to teach.

In 1836 he opened a select school at Corydon, Indiana, which he taught for eighteen months, returning to Trumbull county with $900 as the result of the most rigid economy. He now read law with Judge John Hutchins (now of Cleveland) and John Crowell, at Warren, Ohio, and was admitted to practice in 1841. He immediately selected Portsmouth as the field for his future labors, and has resided here since.

Mr. Hutchins was a Whig up to the dissolution of that party, and then became a Democrat. He was sent to the State Legislature in 1852. He was a war Democrat, and in 1862 was sent to Congress from a Republican district by a majority of more than 2,000. He was the only Democratic member from Ohio who voted for the Thirteenth Amendment, abolishing slavery.

Mr. Hutchins has never sought political preferment, and therefore when the office failed to seek the man he quietly dropped back into the practice of his profession.

In 1843 he was united in marriage to Miss Cornelia M., daughter of Joshua V. Robinson. Their children are: Nora Cooper, wife of the late Rev. J. T. Franklin, of Chillicothe, now living with her parents in Portsmouth; Dudley Brooks, born May 14, 1860: in 1889 he became secretary and treasurer of the Webster Fire-brick Company, of South Webster, Ohio, and still holds that position. He was married August 15, 1886, to Miss Alice, daughter of Eli and Martha (Lodwick) Kinney; their children are: Wells, born February 20, 1888; and Roy Dudley, born August 8, 1889. Wells Augustus, the yougest child, was born July 16, 1862. He became a member of the firm of McFarland & Hutchins July 1, 1891. He was married to Miss Nellie Draper, October 6, 1891.

The oldest boy, Clifford Van Zandt, died at Kenyon College, June 6, 1874, aged eighteen years.

HYMEN DE BRUIN DAVIS, Mayor of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born on his father's farm in Highland county, October 11, 1863. His great-grandfather, William Davis, emigrated from Scotland to this country shortly before the breaking out of the Revolutionary war, and served through that struggle. Later, he came to Adams county, Ohio, and purchased land near Winchester. He died in Ohio at the age of ninety-eight years. The grandfather of our subject, John Davis, was born in Virginia and accompanied his parents to Ohio. He died in Adams county since the late war, at the age of seventy years. His children were James, William, Odell, Rachel and Sally. Odell Davis was the father of the gentleman whose name heads this article. He married Anna Elizabeth Jarvis, whose father, John Jarvis, came to this country from Ireland and served through the war of 1812. He settled in Adams county, near the village of Rome, and in 1882 moved to Highland county, where he died in 1884, having passed his eightieth year. He was the father of thirteen children, all of whom are living except two. His daughter, Anna Elizabeth, after the death of her first husband, became the wife of David McCownaughey, and is now living on her farm near New Market, Highland county, being over sixty-one years of age, and having survived her second husband.

Mayor Davis' father was a distant relative of Jefferson Davis. This branch of the family, however, were stanch Union people. The great-grandfather, William Davis, being a fine speciman of the Scotch race, had no use for the institution known as slavery. He fought it on all occasions, and later moved to Ohio in order to bring his family from under its influences. His descendants did not vary in their views on the slavery question from those of their ancestor. Odell Davis joined Company E, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and served through the entire war of the Rebellion. Although of a delicate constitution, he remained at his post till the close of the war, and shortly afterward died from hemorrhages directly attributed to the exposure and hardships of the service.

Thus at the age of five years the subject of our sketch was deprived of a father's care. He remained with his mother until he was twelve years old, and from that time until he was twenty worked out for wages on farms. By that time he had acquired sufficient education to enable him to teach school, and he accepted a position as teacher in the public school in Concord township,

Highland county, and while teaching there he pursued the study of law under the direction of Messrs. Sloan, Newby and Morrow. He was admitted to the bar in September, 1884, and shortly after formed a partnership with H. A. Pavey, under the firm name of Pavey & Davis, which continued for two years. Later the firm of Davis & Little was formed, and this continued until Mr. Little decided to remove to Texas, since which our subject has practiced alone.

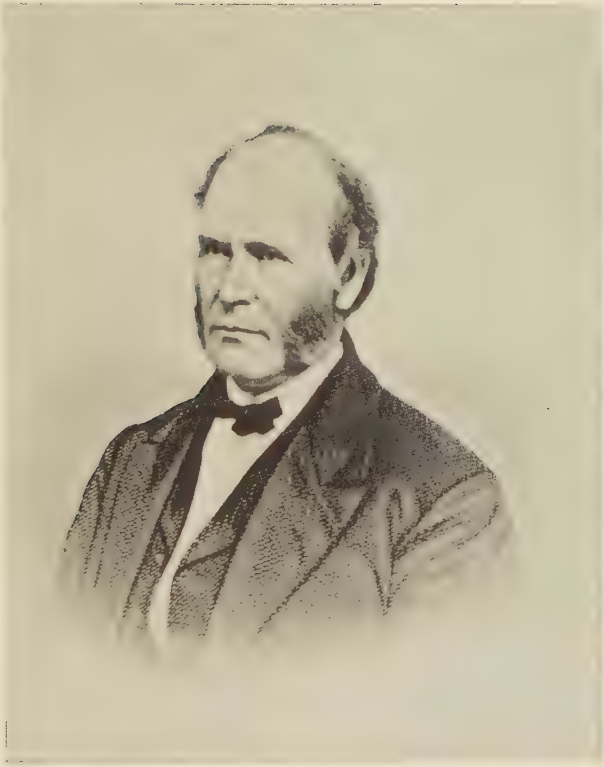
Mr. Davis has always been a Republican and an active worker in the ranks of his party. He was elected Mayor of the city in April, 1892, and is now serving a second term, having been re-elected with an increased majority. He is also quite prominent in fraternal organizations, belonging to the I. O. O. F., K. of P., National Fraternal Union, Sons of Veterans and Mystic Circle.

He was married May 17, 1893, to Miss Lyda Ambrose, daughter of Louis A. Ambrose, of Hillsborough.

HON. JOHN T. WILSON, capitalist and philanthrophist of Adams county, Ohio, was born at Belfast, Highland county, Ohio, April 16, 1811, and died at Tranquillity, Adams county, Ohio, October 6, 1891, and is buried in the United Presbyterian burying ground in the last named village. His father, Spencer W. Wilson, was a Virginian by birth, and followed carpentering for a trade. In 1809 he married Sarah Haigh, a native of England. This marriage occurred at Belfast, Highland county, and here Mr. Spencer W. Wilson lived until his death in 1816. Three children were born in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson—the subject of this mention being the oldest; the others were Sarah B., who married Walter Moore; and Spencer, the youngest. Mrs. Wilson, mother of our subject, married John S. VanNatta five years after her first husband's death, and bore him six children, four boys and two girls. Shortly after the marriage the VanNattas moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, and young John T. Wilson accompanied them. He continued to live with his mother until fourteen years old, and for the next four years found a home with James H. Wilson, a bachelor uncle in West Virginia.

Young Wilson was now a hearty lad of eighteen years and determined to strike out for himself. He found employment on the old Maysville and Zanesville pike, then building, as a stone quarrier. In the language of the Irishman of the day, the wages were "liven dollars a month, and three jiggers 'o whiskee a day." Mr. Wilson accepted the money, but declined the whiskey, and went to work. Shortly after this he engaged with Rev. John A. McClung to cut wood for steamboats in the Beechy bottoms a short distance below Maysville, on the Ohio. The wages were fifty cents a day.

A new era in the life of our subject now began. Having lost his father when five years old, he was practically thrown on his own resources from that time. During the years of weary manual toil he had done considerable studying, principally of a private character. The Ohio Legislature now passed the free-school law, and our subject was one of the first to apply for a teacher's certificate, at Hillsborough, which he secured. His first school was at North Union, Highland county, where he received $12 per month, and paid $3 per month board. His



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four months' term of school having expired, he visited Tippecanoe county, Indiana, in 1830, and engaged in farming for two years.

Having now reached his majority he determined to close out his father's affairs, and with the consent of his mother, brother and sister, he sold the old home place in Highland county. His share of the proceeds was about $300, and with this he determined to begin the life of a merchant. He visited Cincinnati and consulted with some wholesale dealers, who advised against using so small a capital, and recommended a stock of about $800 to begin with. Mr. Wilson was about to abandon the enterprise, as he saw no hope of raising the remaining $500, but the firm came to his rescue and advanced the goods on his own personal note. When asked where the goods should be shipped, Mr. Wilson had no answer to give, for the point at which he had decided to locate his store was nameless. Owing to the quietness of the country surroundings he resolved to call it Tranquillity, and then and there it was so called.

The future history of our subject is substantially the history of Adams county, and in a great measure also of the State of Ohio. It is well to insert here an article prepared by Captain N. W. Evans, of Portsmouth, Ohio, who knew him intimately and was reared under the benign influence which went out from this man and so permeated every section of Adams county.

"We have heroes in these, our days, who will compare more than favorably with those of the Homeric or any subsequent times; but having known them as neighbors and friends, and having associated with them from day to day, we do not appreciate them till death has sealed their characters, and then as we study them it begins to dawn on us that they have done things to be canonized as the acts of heroes.

"Till since his death, we believe the public has not fairly appreciated the character of the Hon. Jno. T. Wilson, a former Congressman of the Tenth (Ohio) District, though it is his record as a patriot, and not as a Congressman, we propose to discuss. He was a hero of native growth. He lived most of his life and died within ten miles of his birth place. His span of life extended till the 6th of October, 1891, eighty-five years, five months, and twenty days, and in that time his manner of life was known to his neighbors like an open book. In all that time, living as a country storekeeper and farmer, and resisting all temptations to be swallowed up in city life, if such temptations ever came to him, he accumulated a fortune of about a half-million of dollars, which, before and at his death, was devoted principally to charitable uses. To attempt to sum up his life in the fewest words, it consisted in trying to do the duty nearest him. He was never a resident of a city, except when attending to public official duties, and to expect a hero to come from the remote country region around Tranquillity, in Adams county, Ohio, was as preposterous as looking for a prophet from the region of Nazareth in the year one; yet the unexpected happened in this instance.

"Till the age of fifty he had been a quiet, unobtrusive citizen of his remote country home, seeking only to follow his vocation of a country merchant and to do his duty as a citizen; but it was when the war broke out that the soul which was in him was disclosed to the world.

"He showed himself an ardent patriot. When Government bonds were first offered

there were great doubt as to whether the war would be successful, and whether the Government would ever pay them. No doubt occurred to Mr. Wilson. He invested every dollar he had in them, and advised his neighbors to do the same. He said if the country went down, his property would go with it, and he did not care to survive it; and if the war was successful, the bonds would be all right. As fast as he had any money to spare he continued to invest in Government securities. In the summer of 1861, he heard that Capt. E. M. DeBruin, now of Hillsborough, Ohio, was organizing a company for the Thirty-Third Ohio Infantry Regiment, and he went over to Winchester and arranged with the Rev. I. H. DeBruin that his only son and child, Spencer H. Wilson, then nineteen years of age, should enlist in the company, which he did, and was made its First Sergeant, and died in the service, in Louisville, Kentucky, March 4, 1862. In the summer of 1861, Mr. Wilson determined that Adams county should raise a regiment for the service. He did not want to undertake it himself, but he believed that if Colonel Joseph R. Cockerill, of West Union, Ohio, would lead the movement, it could be done, and he sent Dr. John Campbell, now of Delhi, Ohio, to secure the co-operation of Colonel Cockerill. That was not difficult to do, as Colonel Cockerill felt about it as did Mr. Wilson. It was determined to ask Brown county to co-operate, and Colonel D. W. C. Loudon, of Brown, was taken into the plan, and the Seventieth Ohio Infantry was organized in the fall of 1861. Mr. Wilson undertook to raise a company for the regiment, and did so, and it was mustered in as Company E.

"The Captain, the Hon. John T. Wilson, was then fifty years of age, and he had in the company three privates, each of the same age, and one of the age of fifty-five, so that the ages of five members of that company aggregated 225 years. Hugh T. McSurly was the private who was past fifty-five years of age when he enlisted in Captain Wilson's company. He is the father of the Rev. William J. McSurly, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church, Hillsborough, Ohio, and is living yet, at the ripe age of eighty-nine.

"Captain Wilson's company was much like Cromwell's troop of Ironsides. It was made up of staid old Scotch and Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who went in from a sense of duty. Colonel Loudon, of the Seventieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, says that Captain Wilson did more to raise and organize the Seventieth Ohio Infantry than anyone else. At the time he went into the service he was physically unfit, and could not have passed medical examination as an enlisted man. He, however, led his company into the sanguinary battle of Shiloh. His personal coolness and self-possession inspired his men, and he held them together during the entire two-days' battle. During the march to Corinth, after the engagement at Shiloh, he was taken down with the fever, and by order of the surgeon was sent North. At Ripley, Ohio, he was taken much worse, and lay there for weeks, delirious and unconscious, hovering between life and death. Owing, however, to the most careful nursing, he recovered. He was not able to rejoin his regiment until September, 1862, at Memphis, Tennessee. Colonel Cockerill was then in command of the brigade, and made him Brigade Quartermaster, so he would not have to walk, but it was apparent he was unfit for service, and was imperiling

his life for naught. Colonel Cockerill and Lieutenant Colonel Loudon both told him he could serve his country better at home than in the army, and insisted on his resigning and going home. He resigned November 27, 1862. Colonel Loudon says that his record was without a stain and none were more loyal than he.

"Captain Wilson not only invested his fortune in the war securities and sent his only son and child to the war, but went himself, and served as long as he could. Could anyone have done more?

"In the summer of 1863, he was nominated by the Republicans of the seventh Senatorial district of Ohio, to the State Senate, without being a candidate, and without his knowledge or consent. In 1865 he was nominated and re-elected to the same office, and served his constituency with great credit and satisfaction. In 1866, he was nominated by the Republicans of the eleventh Ohio district for Member of Congress, was nominated and re-elected in 1868 and in 1870, though just before his Congressional service, and just after it, the district was carried by the Democracy. When Mr. Wilson was first nominated for Congress, it was not supposed that he was a speaker, or that he could canvass the district, but he made appointments for speaking all over the district, and filled them to the satisfaction of every one. He made a most effective speaker, and moreover the farmers all over the district believed what he said, and were justified in doing it. He was never present at a convention which nominated or re-nominated him for office, and never, in the slightest way, solicited a nomination or re-nomination. He was the most satisfactory Congressman ever sent from his district. Every constituent who ever wrote him got an answer in Mr. Wilson's own hand-writing, which was as uniform and as plain as copper-plate. The letter told the constituent just what he wanted to know, and was a model of perspicuity and brevity. Those letters are now precious relics to any one who has one of them, and they are models of what letters should be. If a constituent wrote for an office, he was sure to get an answer which would tell him whether he could get the office or not, and if Mr. Wilson told him that he could get the office, and that he would assist him, he was sure of it. Mr. Wilson had the confidence of the President, and of all the appointing officers, and if he asked for an office inside of his district he usually obtained it, because he made it a rule not to ask for an appointment unless he thought that he was entitled to it, and that it would be granted him.

"Mr. Wilson retired from Congress at the end of his third term with the good will of his entire district, and with the feeling that he had filled the office to their entire satisfaction.

"On March 6, 1882, he gave Adams county, Ohio, $47,667.03 toward the erection of a children's home. The gift was really $50,000, but was subject to certain reductions which netted it at the sum first named. As the county built the home, he issued his own checks in payment for it, until the entire gift was made. The home is now one of the finest and best built institutions of the kind in the State. By his last will and testament he gave this 'Children's Home an endowment of $35,000 in money, and $15,000 in farming lands. He also gave $5,000 to the erection of a soldiers' monument to the memory of the Adams county soldiers who had died or been killed during the civil war.

This monument has been erected on the grounds of the Wilson Children's Home, and occupies a site overlooking the surrounding country.

"Mr. Wilson made many private bequests in his will, which it is not within the scope of this article to mention; but to show his kindly disposition we mention that he gave $1,000 to the church in which he was reared and held his membership, and $1,000 to the church at Tranquillity, where he resided. His housekeeper, a faithful woman, he made independent for life. As a residuary bequest he gave to the commissioners of Adams county $150,000 to be expended in the support of the worthy poor.

"One may take the entire list of patriots, from Leonidas, the Spartan, down to Lincoln, the great war President; or in our own country, from General Warren down to the last man who fell at Appomattox, and none can be found who did more for their country than the Hon. John T. Wilson. He periled his entire fortune; he gave the life of his only son, and he freely offered his own. What more could he have done? Patriotism is, and must be, measured by the position in life which a man occupies when his opportunity comes. If each man does all he can, and offers or gives all he has, he is as great a patriot as anyone can be. Measured by this standard, Captain John T. Wilson filled the full measure of patriotism. When he came to the last of earth, he not only remembered those upon whom the law would have cast his estate, but he devoted the greater part of it to the public good, and especially to the relief of the innocent unfortunates who were not responsible for their own misfortunes.

"In his public duties as Captain in the line, as Brigade Quartermaster, and as representative in Congress, he performed every duty apparent to him honestly and conscientiously, and in the very best manner in which it could be done. His entire life consisted in the performance of each and every duty as he saw it at the time. He never did anything for effect, or for show, or to be spoken of and praised by his fellow men.

"In size he was like Saul, head and shoulders above his fellows, over six feet high, but with a most kindly disposition. His features were attractive and commanding. He was willing to meet every man; to estimate him according to his manhood, and to bid him God-speed if he deserved it. He never tried to do anything great, but his punctuality to every duty before him, from day to day, made him known to all men. He simply tried to do right as he saw the right, and this simple devotion to duty in war and in peace, in public office and as a private citizen, has caused his memory to be revered as a perfect patriot as long as his good deeds shall be remembered."

When about forty years old Mr. Wilson met with an unimportant accident which proved quite serious later, and which ultimately was the direct cause of his death. He went to the pasture to catch a horse, having in his hand a bridle with a heavy bit. In flourishing the bridle to drive the horse into a corner, the bit accidently struck his leg and bruised the bone of the ankle, also making an abrasion of the skin. He paid no attention to the wound but returned to his business. Some poisonous matter from the weeds penetrated the wound and it soon turned into a festering sore; and, although the most eminent physicians treated it in after years they were never able to do much for it.

In addition to the benevolences given by Mr. Wilson, mentioned above, we may mention the following bequests: $10,000 to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; $5,000 to the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Educational Society, of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and $5,000 to the Elizabeth Gamble Deaconess Home at Cincinnati, Ohio, to endow one bed in perpetuity in Christ's hospital.

While merchandising at Tranquillity, Mr. Wilson engaged board at Major McCreigh's, and was much thrown in the company of a young sister of Mrs. McCreigh. This lady, Miss Hadassah J. Dryden, became his wife in 1841, and bore him one son, Spencer H. Wilson, born September 13, 1842. The mother died March 23, 1849, and Mr. Wilson never married again.

Mr. Wilson was of a Christian disposition from boyhood, and at an early age became a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Flat Run, Highland county, Ohio, and held his membership there up to the time of his death. He never became a member of the Methodist Protestant Church at Tranquillity, although he was a regular attendant.

RANKIN REUBEN SPRUNG, proprietor of the Greenfield Enterprise, Greenfield, Ohio, was born October 8, 1849, at London, Ohio.

His father, G. W. Sprung, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 22, 1810. He learned the printer's trade in York, Pennsylvania, having served as an apprentice from his eighth to his twenty-first year. In 1834 he started a paper known as the Codouit Gazette, printed in German, in Jefferson Village, York county, Pennsylvania, which he conducted for two years. After this he was employed as a compositor at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, for two or three years, and then came west to Columbus, Ohio, in company with his brother Alexander. The two brothers started a German paper in Columbus upon their arrival there. They moved to Marion, Ohio, in 1840, and established the Marion Mirror, which they conducted for a number of years. From Marion, Mr. G. W. Sprung removed to London, Ohio, and engaged in editing the Madison Chronicle, with which paper he was connected for twenty years. Under Mr. Sprung's management, the Chronicle made quite a reputation as a Whig organ.

In 1865, Mr. G. W. Sprung removed to Greenfield, Ohio, and purchased the Republican, a poorly appearing six-column sheet, with a subscription list of only about 150 names. The paper was originally established in 1853, by Messrs. Smith & Gibson, and was known as the Greenfield Independent. Later it was called the Illustrated News, and then the Republican. Mr. Sprung purchased the paper in June, 1865, and July 6th got out the first issue, being assisted by his son, the subject of this sketch. The name of the paper was again changed, July 6, 1866, to Highland Chief, and the sheet enlarged to seven columns.

Mr. R, R. Sprung, subject of this sketch, is a typical newspaper man, having been reared in the atmosphere of a newspaper office. In 1865 he became actively associated with his father in the publication of the Republican, and on October 9, 1871, became the proprietor of the Highland Chief, formerly the Republican. In 1883 the name of the paper was changed to the Greenfield Enterprise, and under this head-

ing is still published by Mr. Sprung, being Republican in politics and one of the best appearing papers in the country.

DR. DAVID BARNES COTTON, of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born at Marietta, Washington county, Ohio, April 5, 1834. He was the youngest son of the late Dr. John Cotton, who graduated in the scientific and medical departments of Harvard College in 1814, and in 1815 moved to Marietta, Ohio, where he practiced his profession until his death. He was a lineal descendent of the justly celebrated Rev. John Cotton, the first minister of Boston, Massachusetts, who came from Boston, England, in 1633, and had the honor of giving the name to the new town. The distinguished Cotton Mather was his grandson. The subject of this sketch has two brothers who are physicians, and his two sisters were wives of physicians. He was educated at Marietta College, where he graduated in 1853. He took his degree of Doctor of Medicine at Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1856. In May of this year he commenced the practice of medicine in Lyons, Clinton county, Iowa, where he remained one year, and then, May 11, 1857, settled in Portsmouth, where he has ever since resided. There in his earlier years he was associated with the late Dr. G. S. B. Hempstead. He is a member of the American Academy of Medicine, the American Medical Association, the Ohio State Medical Society, the Hempstead Memorial Academy of Medicine, and is an honorary member of the California State Medical Society. He was a delegate to the American Medical Association which met in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1859, also to the meetings of the same association in 1871, and in 1894 at their meetings in San Francisco, California. He is a Deacon and Elder in the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth.

Dr. Cotton was united in marriage to Mary C. Slocomb, of Marietta, Ohio, November 21, 1861, and has four children, all girls: Grace Gaylord, Mary Hannah, Mrs. Kate Bullard Sparks, of State College, Pennsylvania, and Ethel Hamilton. His second daughter, Mary Hannah, is a graduate of medicine from the Woman's Medical College, of Philadelphia, and is practicing medicine in Portsmouth, Ohio.

HON. MILTON LEE CLARK, one of the judges of the Fourth Judicial Circuit of Ohio, was born at Clarksburgh, Ross county, Ohio, April 21, 1817.

His grandfather, John Clark, emigrated from Scotland to America and settled in Pennsylvania, where he married Mary Blair, a native of Ireland, who had crossed the ocean when twelve years of age. He afterward removed to Ohio and settled with his family in what is now Deerfield township, between 1797 and 1801. The land purchased by him and upon which he settled adjoins on the south what is now the village of Clarksburgh Being the earliest settler in this particular locality, he endured the hardships and privations of pioneer life. All around was wilderness; wild beasts and game of all kinds abounded and Indians prowled about the settlement. The nearest house or cabin was at Waugh's Run, four miles away, and the next nearest at Westfall, on the Scioto river, eight miles distant. He died in middle life, but his wife survived

to the age of ninety-three years, having removed in 1838, with her youngest son, her daughter (the widow of James Beard) and her children, and settled on the Wabash, near Williamsport, Indiana, where she died. They reared a family of ten sons and one daughter, all of whom grew to maturity, namely: William, Thomas, John B., Samuel, James B., Daniel, Stephen, Joseph, Alexander and Wesley. The daughter's name was Elizabeth. The sons were all men of unusual ability and great force of character. Thomas at an early period emigrated to Texas and was never afterward heard of. John B., a physician, removed first to Kentucky and later to Rushville, Indiana, where he reared and educated an intelligent family —Sanford, a physician; Albert, a lawyer; and William Thomas, a railroad man, who settled at Indianapolis. Albert removed to California and died early. His uncle, James B., considered him the most brilliant man of the family. Samnel emigrated to Indiana and settled near Attica, on the Wabash. He became an Associate Judge and left a respectable and well-to-do family. Daniel, Alexander and Wesley also removed to Indiana; Alexander settled near Indianapolis and Daniel and Wesley near Williamsport. Wesley was a physician and a large landed proprietor. They all left respectable and well-to-do families. Mrs. Beard, a lady of masculine mind, left large possessions on the Wabash. Joseph died in early manhood unmarried. Stephen was killed by a fall from a horse. He was said in his day to be "the handsomest man in Ross county." James B., a lawyer, moved to Alabama and was three times Chancellor of the Middle District of said State. He was eminent as a lawyer and Chancellor, and a distinguished man. He reared a highly educated and distinguished family. He lost three sons in the battles before Richmond during the Rebellion and among them Henry Clay, a brilliant lawyer. His son Thomas is practicing law at Eutaw, Alabama; his son George emigrated to Texas, where he became Attorney General of the State, then Supreme Judge, and was recently a candidate for Governor. He is a man of marked ability.

Colonel William Clark was the eldest of the children. He married Keturah Brown, a daughter of James Brown, of the eastern shore of Maryland, who had with her mother and uncle, White Brown—a man of much distinction in religious and social life—after the death of her father, emigrated to Ohio. Her father was a man of large possessions, owning lands, slaves, merchandise and vessels at sea. His eldest son, James Brown, emigrated to Kentucky and settled on Beargrass, near Louisville, where he became one of the wealthiest men in Jefferson county, and left a family of high social position. Colonel Clark, after his marriage, settled on his farm adjoining his father's, and carried on, in connection with farming, the tanning business. He was many years a Justice of the Peace, and the most popular man in his locality.

In the war of 1812 he commanded the Second Regiment, Sixteenth Division, Ohio Militia, which was called into service July 13, 1813, and in that capacity served with distinction during the time his regiment was in the service, and when it was mustered out he returned to his home, and in 1816 laid out on his farm the village of Clarksburgh, and the subject of this sketch, his third son, was the first child born there. He resided in Clarksburgh until his death on the

10th of August 1824. Having entered the service with the zeal and ardor that characterized him, Col. Clark equipped his regiment almost entirely at his own expense, for which he was never reimbursed by the Government, and this heavy loss, with others, caused by his absence in the service and otherwise, left the family of this brave and patriotic man in straitened circumstances, and the subject of this sketch, while yet a child, was thus deprived of those advantages of early training and educational privileges which, had his father lived, would doubtless have been liberally bestowed on him. At his father's death he was well advanced in the common-school education of the time, and one of the regrets of his father was that he could not live to give him a thorough education, remarking at the time that he was the only child he had that would make a great scholar if he had a chance. After that time his opportunities for obtaining an education were limited, for, as soon as he was large enough, he had to work on a farm to aid in maintaining the family, at which work he continued, availing himself of the few opportunities he had to go to school, until January, 1833, when, being then in his sixteenth year, he went to Chillicothe and entered the store of his brother, Edward B. Clark, as general clerk, where he remained a few months, and then returned with his brother, who removed his store to their native village, Clarksburgh. He remained here, engaged as general clerk in the store, until December, 1835, when his brother, having formed a partnershp with one Williams, established a branch store in Williamsport, and Williams being inexperienced in business, young Clark was sent to take charge of it. Here he remained until early in 1837, when he returned to Clarksburgh and taught a quarter's school, and in the fall, returning to Williamsport, went into the dry-goods store of Radcliff & Shaughnessy, where he remained until 1838; then he went to Chillicothe and entered the dry-goods establishment of John C. Scott, who had caused him to be written to, though in another county, offering him a situation. He remained with Mr. Scott until he sold out to Douglas & Anderson, and with them until May, 1839, when, provided with excellent recommendations, he went to Louisville, Kentucky. Up to this time Mr. Clark had given general satisfaction to his various employers, and had made a reputation as an excellent salesman and trustworthy clerk. Arriving at Louisville he was taken sick among strangers, and was confined to his bed for six weeks. On the second day after getting up, seeing an advertisement for a clerk, he called on Mr. John Watson and, presenting his letters, solicited the situation. In a few minutes the reply came: "I have had several applications, but I like your looks better than any of them," and he was immediately engaged as bookkeeper in Mr. Watson's wholesale establishment at a salary of $500 per year. Here one of those incidents that strew the path of life with flowers, occurred.

Mr. Watson, looking at Mr. Clark, said, "You have been sick; don't you need some money?" and being answered in the affirmative, commenced and continued counting down $5 bills until told to stop. But a few minutes before he had never seen or heard of Mr. Clark. Here in a short time the principal management of this large business was committed to him, with powers of attorney to sign the proprietor's name to checks and drafts, and otherwise to take charge of bank accounts, and a general supervisor over other employes, Mr. Watson

devoting his time and attention principally to his manufacturing operations. A position of such responsibility, acquired by so young a man and through his own unaided exertions, is evidence of a marked energy of character, and shows that Mr. Clark had thus early in life resolved not to be one of the failures of society. At the end of the first year Mr. Watson presented him with a fine suit of clothes, a copy of Dr. Adam Clark's Commentaries on the Bible, and increased his salary to $650. He continued here two years longer. During this period in Louisville he improved every opportunity for mental culture, and being an eager student his spare time was spent with his books, and, having wealthy and influential relatives in and around the city, he enjoyed the benefit of its best society. From his earliest recollections his highest ambition had been to become an able and distinguished lawyer. Many of his kinsmen were honorable members of that profession. During his third year in Louisville he was offered through his employer, Mr. Watson, the situation of bookkeeper in the house of W. C. Fellows & Co., the largest wholesale dry-goods establishment in that city, at a salary of $1,000 a year—a very large salary for those times—and was advised by him to accept it, as it was more than his business would justify paying, and the immense business of that house throughout the South and Southwest would prove of great advantage to a young man. Mr. Clark declined the offer, preferring to remain with Mr. Watson, if he continued clerking, but he had really resolved to carry out the long-cherished object of his life, and at the end of his year returned to his home in Ohio, and on August 9, 1842, began the study of law with Colonel Jonathan F. Woodside, eminent as a lawyer, formerly a member of the Ohio Legislature, and for seven years, during the administration of Andrew Jackson, Charge d'Affaires to Denmark. He pursued his studies unremittingly, and on November 23, 1844, was admitted to the bar. He commenced the practice of law at Chillicothe, and with characteristic energy strove to reach the front rank of his profession, omitting no labors to accomplish that end. He took an active part in the Presidential campaign of 1844, full of admiration for Henry Clay, and made qūite a reputation as a political speaker. He was complimented by the editor of the Scioto Gazette with the remark that "he need only follow the teachings of his own experience to become one of the ablest speakers in the party's behalf." In 1845 he was elected by the Whigs, Prosecuting Attorney of Ross county, and re-elected in 1847; serving two full terms. The bar of the district at this time contained some of the ablest lawyers of the State, yet with such care, skill and industry did he discharge his duties that he seldom lost a verdict, and had but one indictment quashed during the four years. In 1849, having declined a re-election as Prosecuting Attorney, he was elected to the State Legislature by a majority of over a thousand votes and was their appointed chairman of the committee on claims. The Legislature of this term was composed of many distinguished lawyers, among whom may be mentioned Chief Justice Waite, the late George E. Pugh, A. N. Riddle, Judge William Lawrence, and several others, who at the bar and in politics have won high positions. Since leaving the Legislature in 1850, Mr. Clark has devoted himself almost exclusively to the practice of his profession, having a large practice

in Ross and adjoining counties. He has been engaged in many important criminal cases, sometimes assisting the prosecution and at others defending. He prosecuted Leach, who was convicted of murder in Vinton county, Judge Peck presiding, and was highly complimented by the Judge upon his powerful summing up. He prosecuted Roads, in the same county, who was convicted of murder in the second degree. He was opposed in this case by John Welsh, afterward Supreme Judge, Bundy and Hoffman, and William T. McClintick. It excited great interest at the time, and Mr. Clark's closing speech was spoken of by the press and people as the greatest effort of his life. He aided the prosecution in the Blackburn trial at Chillicothe, being opposed by Mr. Pugh, Judge Sloan and others. The trial lasted twenty-two days and created wide-spread interest. His defense of Parks for the murder of Shockey; of Ryan for the murder of Daugherty, in Jackson county; of Larsh for the murder of Rittenhouse; of young Binckley and young Francis, each charged with murder, and others in Ross county, were all complete victories. Of the great number Mr. Clark has defended, charged with penitentiary offenses—as many as six, in one instance, at a single term of court—it is a significant fact that not one was sentenced to the penitentiary. Of later years he has to some extent withdrawn from the criminal, and devoted himself more particularly to his large civil practice. There is perhaps no man of his age in his section of the State who has tried more cases or done more hard work in his profession than Mr. Clark.

In addition to his circuit practice he has been engaged in many important cases in the Supreme Court and has in a large measure aided in the settlement of many disputed questions of law in the State. In the case of Famulener vs. Anderson, 15 Ohio State Reports, which he argued orally, Judge Thurman opposing counsel, the Chief Justice characterized his argument as one of "unusual force and ability." The case of McArthur vs. Franklin, 15 Ohio State Reports; Phipps vs. Hope's Administrator, 16 Ohio State Reports, and others have become the ruling authorities upon the principles there decided. In the great case of Taylor et al. vs. the Commissioners of Ross county, 23 Ohio State Reports, involving the constitutionality of the act of April 23, 1872, known as the "Boesel Law" and involving millions of dollars voted in various counties of the State, to aid in the construction of railroads, Mr. Clark's oral argument in closing, on behalf of the defendants, was perhaps the ablest effort of his life, and elicited from all who heard it the highest compliments. The case, from the magnitude of the interests involved, attracted general attention, and a synopsis of the arguments was published in many of the papers throughout the State.

Mr. Clark, as a lawyer, is a hard worker, thoroughly read in his profession, and with a memory so tenacious that he can upon the instant refer to almost any authority he desires to use. He is a fluent speaker, often rising to a high degree of eloquence, with a quick wit and often playful humor, and ready at repartee, but at times severe in his sarcasm and invective, while always a close and logical reasoner. He thoroughly identifies himself with his clients' interests, is most painstaking in the preparation of his cases for trial, and spares no labor or exertion to insure success. A man of strict integrity, high character, and of acknowledged ability, standing in the front rank of his profession

in this section of the State, he is recognized as a formidable opponent in a law suit. In the spring of 1873 Mr. Clark was elected, in Ross county, a delegate to the Constitutional Convention, defeating both the Democratic nominee and an independent Republican candidate, notwithstanding the county had the fall before gone Democratic by 261 majority, and in the fall following gave Governor Allen 647 majority, thus demonstrating his popularity and the high estimation in which he is held at home. He was chairman of the Committee on Public Debt and Public Works, took an active part in the debates of this body of able men, and was always listened to with attention. His speech while the convention was in session at Columbus, upon the report of the Committee on Public Institutions, attracted great attention at the time, was published in the State Journal—the first speech of the body published by that paper—and highly commended. It called forth many compliments from his brother-members, and others, and illustrated in a marked manner his fine legal abilities and statesmanship. His speeches are scattered throughout the volumes of the debates, are always able, terse and pointed, especially his opening speech, as chairman of his committee, which is a very able one, showing much research and a thorough comprehension of the important subjects discussed. Notwithstanding his devotion to his profession, Mr. Clark has not been unmindful of his public duties as a citizen, and in almost all the important political campaigns he has taken an active part as a speaker and otherwise. Upon the disruption of the Whig party he became a Republican, and has acted with that party ever since its organization In 1860 he was a delegate to the Chicago convention, and struck out boldly for Mr. Lincoln, and notwithstanding days of discussion by the Ohio delegation, refused to vote for any one else. Some others finally uniting with him caused a break in the delegation, and prevented its vote being cast solid against Mr. Lincoln, thereby contributing to his nomination. During the war that followed Mr. Clark was deeply interested in behalf of the Union and the constitution and lost no opportunity by word or means to aid in putting down the Rebellion. In 1870 he was a candidate before the Republican convention for Supreme Judge. The press of the State spoke of his ability and fitness for the position in the highest and most flattering terms. He received the highest vote that any one from his section of the State had received since Judge Peck's time, but failed of a nomination. In the fall of 1878 he was a prominent candidate in his district for the Congressional nomination, his only competitor being Henry S. Neal, who was then serving his first term. The convention was nearly equally divided in its choice between them, when Mr. Clark, to preserve harmony in his party and in deference to the desire of that portion of the new district which had been a part of Mr. Neal's former district, to compliment him with a second term, mounted the stand and in a stirring speech withdrew from the contest, and permitted Mr. Neal to be nominated by acclamation. He continued successfully the practice of the law until the fall of 1884, when he was elected to the position of Circuit Judge. The Circuit Court is a reviewing court, intermediate between the Common Pleas and Supreme Courts. The State is divided into eight circuits and three Judges elected in each circuit. The constitutional grant of original

jurisdiction is the same as that to the Supreme Court, and the salary of the Judges the same. By statute, the Supreme Court is clothed with power or jurisdiction to review the decisions of the Circuit Court upon questions of law arising in causes, but is not bound to do so upon questions of fact. Having served a term of six years to the satisfaction of his constituents, he was re-nominated by acclamation for a second term, and was elected. At the annual convention of the Circuit Judges of the State, on the third Tuesday of September, 1894, he was elected Chief Justice of the Circuit Court of the State.

On the 11th of October, 1849, two days after he was elected to the Legislature, Judge Clark was married to Jane Isabelle, eldest daughter of Colonel Woodside, with whom he had read law. The union was a happy one and there were born to them five sons and four daughters, namely; Milton Lee, Eleanor Woodside, Jonathan Woodside, William, Walter Scott, Nannie Woodside, Jennie Isabelle Woodside, Cynthia Keturah, and Arthur Addison, a lawyer. Jonathan Woodside and Walter Scott died young. The others grew to maturity. Three daughters are married and have families. Mrs. Clark died May 24, 1890, deeply regretted. She was a noble woman.

Colonel Woodside was of Revolutionary stock, his father, Jonathan Woodside, having been a Revolutionary soldier from Pennsylvania in the army and honorably discharged. His discharge was preserved as a precious relic by the Colonel's mother until her death, in Chillicothe, at the great age of ninety-three years. He was thoroughly imbued with the military spirit, and during a great part of his manhood days was connected with military companies. He married Elenor Bailey, a niece of John Carlisle, Senior, an early settler in Ross county, and and a prominent man in its affairs.

Colonel Clark's widow, the Judge's mother, died May 13, 1859. There were five sons and four daughters issue of the union. William Henry Harrison died young. The daughters, except Keturah, married and emigrated West, as did two of the sons, James B. and William. Keturah married Amaziah Hanson, the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Ross county, and afterward a member of the Legislature of Illinois. Edward B., the merchant, died in Circleville in the eightieth year of his age. James B. and William died in Illinois, the latter on August 25, 1892. Eliza and Cynthia died in Indiana. William Clark Smith, son of Eliza, is a banker and one of the wealthiest men in Warren county, Indiana. George K. Clark, another grandson, was a prominent lawyer in Chicago, and died there some years ago.

JOHN ALVIN NIPGEN was born April 1st, 1836, in Springfield, Ohio, the first child of Micael Nipgen and Johanna Zengerle, who were married April 5, 1835, in Columbus, Ohio.

Johannes Nipgen, an ancestor, was a stanch supporter and friend of Martin Luther during the Reformation.

Our subject's boyhood days were spent in Dayton, Ohio, where he chose pharmacy as an occupation.

In 1862 he married Mary Catharine Probasco, daughter of Judge John and Susan Jane (Freeman) Probasco, the former being a law partner of Gov. Thomas Corwin till his death. Her ancestors were

English, Dutch and Spanish and were participants in the stirring events of the early Colonial and Revolutionary days.

In 1867 Mr. and Mrs. Nipgen removed to Chillicothe, Ohio.

In 1884 he was elected first president of the Ohio Board of Pharmacy.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Nipgen are: Mary Mizpah, born 1863, died 1872; Susan Probasco, born 1867, married to Rev. Thomas S. McWilliams, pastor of the American Presbyterian Church of Montreal, Canada; Jessie W., born 1869, died 1890; and Alvin Probasco, born 1871, graduated at Yale in '94, where he published a book entitled, "Old Colony Days."

GEN. JOSEPH DARLINGTON.—In this age of pessimism, agnosticism, materialism, scepticism, and all other *isms*, it is refreshing to go back two generations and find a character whose faith in our Christian religion, as expounded by John Calvin, was as pure, sincere, true and genuine as the sunlight. We have and can find no such character now, and it elevates the soul to find one of a former generation, and to contemplate his life. Such was Joseph Darlington. He was born July 19, 1765, within four miles of Winchester, Virginia, on a plantation of over 400 acres, owned by his father, Meredith Darlington. He was the fourth of seven children, six sons and a daughter, in the time when it was the fashion for large families.

He grew up on his father's farm, having such education as the country then afforded, and going through the usual experience of a boy of his time. He was too young to go into the Revolutionary war, but old enough to imbibe the faith and spirit of the Revolutionary fathers.

About 600 of the prisoners, British and Hessians, taken at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga in 1777, were kept on his father's plantation until the close of the war. A part of them were lodged in his father's barn, and the remainder in a barracks built expressly for them. Young Darlington used to spend a great deal of time with these prisoners, who gave him ideas of travel and of living, and so, when he came of age, he took what money his father would give him, and went to Philadelphia. From there he took a sea voyage to New Orleans, and returned to his home by land. He spent his money freely and lived extravagantly. When a young man, queues were still in fashion, and it was the pride of the young gentlemen of that day which could have the thickest and longest, and young Darlington had one as thick as an ordinary arm.

He was married at Romney, Virginia, the 18th of March, 1790, dressed in ruffled shirt, coat, waistcoat, knee-breeches, silk stockings, with his hair covered with pomade and powder. His wife was a Miss Sarah Wilson, who was a belle of two counties. She was possessed of a farm and slaves, while young Darlington, at that time, had nothing, having spent his patrimony in seeing the world and in high living. He had a rival for his wife's hand in Albert Gallatin, but young Darlington was the best looking, and was the successful suitor. His wife had a farm on the head waters of the Monongahela river in Pennsylvania, and they moved there soon after his marriage. There his eldest son and child, John Meredith Darlington, was born December 14, 1791, and his second son, George Wilson, was born there November 18, 1793.

Concluding that he might do better in a new country, he took his family and went down the Ohio river, stopping at the mouth of Cabin creek, Kentucky, where he lived a short time and kept a ferry. He moved across the Ohio at this point and took up a farm, which he afterward sold to a Mr. Britton. Understanding that the county seat would be located at Adamsville, at the mouth of Brush creek, he moved there in 1797 and located. That locality was then expected to be the county seat, but its expectations were never realized, and thence, in 1803, he moved to near West Union, at the top of the hill above Cole's spring. On this hill he built a double, hewed-log house, and about it cleared ten or twelve acres of land. He had located a large tract of land, of which this was now part, just east of West Union.

General Darlington was elected to the Territorial Legislature of Ohio, in September, 1801. It met at Chillicothe, Ohio, on November 23, 1801, and adjourned January 23, 1802. There were five Senators and twenty-two members of the House. Adams county had two representatives and General Nathaniel Massie was the colleague of General Darlington. General Darlington was third on the committee on claims.

General Darlington was one of the Judiciary Committee in the Constitutional Convention of 1802, which met at Chillicothe, Ohio, November 2, 1802. There were, at that time, nine counties in the Territory. After thirty of the members of this convention had passed away, General Darlington was one of the five survivors in 1847, and he wrote to Judge Cutler, August 18, 1847, that he had retired from all public business, and was "seeking a better country, out of sight."

On May 17, 1804, in the allotment of lots in West Union, General Darlington took lot No. 84, at $17. This lies just north of his old home and on the northwest corner of Mulberry and East streets. On lot No. 57 he built, in 1804, the house on Main street, in which he lived the remainder of his life. Just west of this, he built a one-story log office for the Clerk's office, which was afterward weather-boarded. The residence and office are standing to this day; they are the oldest buildings in West Union, except two. In this pleasant home he resided from about 1805, until that second day of August, 1851, when the angel of pestilence touched him with that dread scourge, the Asiatic cholera and he moved,—as he himself stated it,—"to a better country, out of sight."

General Darlington was Postmaster at West Union from July 1, 1804, until October 1, 1811, and he kept the postoffice and the Clerk's office in the little log office which he built in 1803, just west of his residence. On August 2, 1802, he was appointed Clerk of the Court in Adams county, and he continued to hold that position until in August, 1847, when Colonel Joseph Cockerill became his successor. He was not only Clerk of the Court in Adams county, but was appointed Recorder of Deeds on October 8, 1803, and held the office until April, 1831.

He was appointed a Commissioner of Adams county in 1798 by the Court of Quarter Sessions, held at Adamsville, and the Commissioners and Assessors appointed at that time constituted a board for the administration of county affairs. They first met at Adamsville, June 27, 1798. During his occupancy of the Clerk's office, there was no law as to unclaimed costs. As it was paid in, the General would put each

party and witness' costs in a package by itself, and mark to whom it belonged. These packages he kept in his office, secured only by his office door, latched with an ordinary latch. In all the years he occupied the office it was not burglarized, and his successor found the unclaimed costs in the very money in which it was paid in, and much of it was worthless, because the banks which had issued it had failed. At one time he was commissioned a General of the militia, from which he obtained the title of General. He was one of the thirty-five members of the Constitutional Convention to frame the first constitution of Ohio; because, at that time, the people of this State sent its best men to such bodies, and the General easily came into that class. In 1805, he was ordained an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at West Union and served to the day of his death.

His personal appearance would have attracted notice anywhere. He was about the average height, somewhat corpulent, of full and slightly elongated visage, fine, regular features, clean shaven, dark brown eyes with heavy brows, and a large head and forehead, with his white hair combed back from his forehead and behind his ears. He was of quick movement and walked to the last with the firm step of a young man. He had a fine manly bearing which impressed all who met him. The business of his office was admirably systematized, and all his habits of daily life were methodical. His going to and from his office to his home in West Union were with such perfect regularity that he served the people who lived along his route as a living town clock. When they would see him leaving his office at noon, the common remark was, "Well, it is 12 o'clock, the General is going to dinner." He would lay his watch out on the writing-table before him, and let it be there until the hands pointed to a certain figure, and then he would take it up and wind it.

Having served such a long time as Clerk of the Courts, and being very observant, and retaining all he learned, he became very familiar with the principles of the common law and the provisions of the statutory law, and having an extraordinary judgment, he became a local oracle, and was constantly consulted on legal matters, business matters, and even as to domestic affairs, in preference to young and inexperienced lawyers. When matters were referred to him and his decision announced, this usually ended all difference and controversy. His judgment was so very satisfactory that each party was willing to abide by it.

General Darlington was a Whig. He believed in the State promoting religion, education and internal improvements. While not anti-slavery in his views, he thought the war with Mexico was unrighteous.

General Darlington was the father of eight children, six sons and two daughters, all of whom lived to maturity, and two of whom lived to the age of ninety, but all of whom have now passed over the river of death. Were this a mere biographical sketch, further notice of his posterity would be required; but as it is written simply to call attention to the remarkable character of the General himself, further notice of his descendants is not given.

His day, as compared with ours, was the day of beginnings,—of small things. Everything was primitive; there were, in his day, no steam railroads, no macademized com-

mon roads, no telegraphs or telephones, no typewriters, and but few newspapers and books. All services in his day were compensated by sums of money which to us now seem pitiful and insignificant; and very largely, in his time exchange was effected by barter of goods.

One thing singular about General Darlington, he never revisited Virginia. But he never traveled much about Adams county. He knew everbody in the county, and knew how they were situated; but it was not by traveling about and visiting among the people that he learned it, but by conversing with them and their neighbors at the county seat. In his day the Clerk's office was the most important in the county, for there everybody's property rights were registered.

What distinguished General Darlington among men, and above his fellows was his unusual amount of good, hard, common sense,—which, after all, is the most uncommon kind of sense. He was an entertaining talker, and after a conversation with him one felt as though he had been benefited. He had a wonderful amount of natural dignity, of which he seemed unconscious, which impressed itself upon those with whom he came in contact. In short, all those who associated with him felt that they had been elevated, benefited and helped. His life was upon an elevated plane, and people who knew him felt that they were looking up to it. But what distinguished his life above all other matters, what shone out above all other things, and what will be remembered of him when all else is forgotten, was his remarkable Christian life and character. His religion was of the very highest and best type of the Puritanic. With him, religion was not, as now in many cases, a mere fashionable sentiment, but it was an awful, and at the same time, a glorious reality. His whole soul, conscience, principles, opinions, worldly interests and everything in his life, were made to bend to his religion. His life made his neighbors feel that there was a truth and a reality in the Christian religion, and that he lived it every day. But his crowning official and earthly honor consisted in serving for forty-eight years as an acceptable Elder in the Presbyterian Church, at West Union, Ohio. When the call for him to go above came, it was sudden, and his taking off was very quick, but as he had been ready for fifty years it was all right. Dying as he did, with the Asiatic cholera, there were but four persons present at his funeral. Had he died of anything but pestilence, he would have had the largest funeral in Adams county. While there were but four present at his funeral,—George and William Lafferty, Rev. John P Vandyke, and his son, G. D. Darlington,—no doubt the angels were there, as they were at that of Moses; for so good a man could not appropiately be consigned to earth without the presence of the angels, and George Lafferty and the other three have must have felt their presence.

General Darlington is a sample of the good and true men who built the foundations of the great State of Ohio. His good works have borne, and will bear, fruit to many generations of posterity. If there are any like him in the simplicity and earnestness of his faith, the writer does not know them. That generation has passed from the earth. The world is better, richer, and happier that he lived, and the memory of his lovely and loveable Christian character is the richest legacy he left his children; but fortunately, they can hand it over to posterity and be none the poorer. From the day West Un-

ion was laid out, for forty-seven years his figure was a familiar one upon its streets; but for forty-three years his well-known footsteps have been absent; but in this county his memory is as fresh and as fragrant as that summer day when he closed his books for the last time in the Clerk's office and walked to his home.—N. W. E.

EDWARD PATTON EVANS was born May 31, 1816, near Pilson's Mill, in Brown county, Ohio. His father, William Evans, was a native of Kentucky, and his mother, of Virginia. He was the eldest of a family of ten children. His great-grandfather, Hugh Evans, was a native of Wales, and located in Pennsylvania some twenty-five years prior to the American Revolution. William Evans located in Brown county, Ohio in 1808, and was a soldier in the war of 1812. He married in 1813, and became a farmer near Russellville, in Brown county, where he continued to reside until his death, on February 16, 1873, at the age of eighty-six. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Russellville, Ohio, the greater part of his life.

Edward P. Evans' mother was of Scotch descent, her mother having been born in Edinboro, Scotland, the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman. Her father, John Patton, owned a plantation in Rockbridge county, Virginia, where he died in 1809.

Edward P. Evans attended country school and worked on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age. He taught a district school from eighteen to twenty years of age. He then took a course of study under a private tutor at Ripley, Ohio. He then studied at Decatur, Ohio, under the supervision of Professor Wright. He was married May 16, 1839, to Amanda Jane King, at Georgetown, Ohio, and located in Hammersville, where he kept a small store. In 1840 he located in Sardinia, Ohio, where he kept a country store. Then he began to study law, under the tutorage of George W. King, of Georgetown, Ohio, and was admitted in 1844. From 1844 until 1847 he practiced law in Brown and Highland counties, Ohio, and in April, 1847, he removed to West Union, Ohio, where he continued to reside during the remainder of his life.

At West Union he was engaged actively in the practice of law until 1878, when, owing to failing health, he retired. He always took an active interest in public affairs, but never sought or accepted office. He was a very successful lawyer and early acquired and held, until 1878, a lucrative practice. He was always a Whig and a Republican, and in the Fremont campaign was presidential elector on the Republican ticket for his Congressional district, and canvassed his district with Caleb R. Smith, Reeder Wright Clark, and Richard M. Corwine.

He took an active interest in Mr. Lincoln's first campaign and canvassed several counties in his behalf. During the civil war he was chairman of the Military Committee of his county, and rendered great services in that capacity in the enlistment, organization and forwarding of troops. He was an intimate friend of the Hon. Salmon P. Chase, and, like him, was an opponent of slavery. He supported Mr. Chase in all his candidacy for office.

In 1862 he became a member of the firm of G. B. Grimes & Co., bankers at West Union, Ohio, and continued in that firm un-

til 1878. In the fall of 1864 he was a short time in the military service of the United States, in the Second Ohio Independent Battery. From 1860 until 1865 he was interested in an extensive woolen factory at West Union, Ohio. He retired from all business in 1878, and died at home in West Union, Ohio, April 17, 1883.

His son, Captain Nelson W. Evans, is a lawyer at Portsmouth, Ohio. His second son, George C. Evans, born February 20, 1858, died at West Union, Ohio, October 3, 1882. His daughter, Mary K., is the wife of Captain John C. Dickey, a lawyer of Columbus, Ohio. His widow resides in Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Evans was a man of great force of character, of strong will and of excellent judgment in business. He was of sterling honesty and integrity, and had strong convictions of right and duty. He took a leading part in the temperance movement and in the anti-slavery movement in the years of his activity.

NELSON WILEY EVANS was born June 4, 1842, at Sardinia, in Brown county, Ohio. His father was Edward Patton Evans, and his mother's maiden name was Amanda Jane King. Mr. Evans father was the eldest son of William Evans and Mary Patton Evans. As was a custom in those days, he was named Edward Patton for his two grandfathers, Edward Evans, and John Patton. Edward Evans was born in Pennsylvania in 1760, and went into the Revolutionary war in 1776, in place of his father, Hugh. His father had intended to go, but the son insisted on going in his place, and did so. Edward Evans participated in the battles of Germantown and Brandywine, and was within the sound of the battle of Monmouth, but on account of sickness was not in it. After the Revolutionary war he removed to Mason county, Kentucky, where his second son, William Evans, was born in 1787. His wife was Jemima Applegate. He and his wife were nearly the same age and died about the same time.

His son William was in the war of 1812, and on his return from Hull's surrender, in September, 1812, his messmate and nearest friend, Charles Kirkpatrick, died. The latter had been married in Rockbridge county, Virginia, in 1806, to Mary Patton, daughter of John Patton, of that county. It became the duty of William Evans to carry the news of his friend's death to the widow, and he did it in such a way that the next year he married her, and Edward Patton Evans was the first child of that marriage, born on May 31, 1814. William Evans' wife died March 22, 1830, but he survived until February 10, 1873.

William Applegate, the father of Mr. Evans' great-grandmother Evans, was one of the pioneers. He reached the remarkable age of 105, and at the age of 100 could and did go into the woods and, without the aid of glasses, sight a rifle and shoot squirrels.

John Patton, of Virginia, Mr. Evans' maternal grandfather, was a descendant of one of the original settlers on Burden's grant in Rockbridge county, and was one of the great colony of Scotch-Irish Presbyterians which settled the valley of Virginia.

Nelson W. Evans received his first Christian name in honor of Nelson Barrere, of Hillsborough, Ohio, and his second for a maternal uncle. His father practiced law in Brown and Highland counties at the time of

his birth, and in 1847 removed to West Union, Adams county, Ohio.

The son attended the public schools of his home until the fall of 1860, when he went to the North Liberty Academy. In January, 1861, he entered the freshman class at Miami University and remained there until June, 1863, when he entered the army in Company G, One-Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was First Lieutenant of his company, and was with the Second Division of the Ninth Army Corps when it captured Cumberland Gap, September 9, 1863. He was in a number of skirmishes and fights with General Longstreet's command in East Tennessee, in December, 1863, and January, 1864, and returned to Oxford in March, 1864, where he completed his senior year, and was graduated. He was a member of the Delta, Kappa, Lamda fraternity, and of the Erodelphian Literary Society of that University. In June, July and August, 1864, he attended a military school in Philadelphia, and in September, 1864, entered the One-Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry as its Adjutant. He was promoted to Captain in November, 1864, and participated in the battle of Nashville, as Adjutant of a brigade. After the close of the war, he attended the Cincinnati Law School, until April, 1866, when he was admitted to the bar by the District Court of Hamilton county in Cincinnati, Ohio.

On August 1, 1866, he located in Portsmouth, Ohio, where he has since resided. On September 9, 1868, he was married to Miss Lizzie Henderson, of Middletown, Ohio. From 1871 to 1875, he was City Solicitor of Portsmouth, Ohio, and from January 14, 1870, until September 1, 1878, was Register in Bankruptcy for the eleventh Congressional district of Ohio.

He was a member of the School Board in Portsmouth, Ohio, from 1880 to 1884, and from 1887 to 1893, and took a great interest in the development and improvement of the city schools.

In 1882 he was a director of the Cincinnati and Eastern Railway Company, and as such gave the casting vote which brought it to the city of Portsmouth, when there was an effort to make its eastern terminus at Jackson Court House, Ohio.

In politics, Mr. Evans is, and always has been, a stanch Republican, and is proud of the fact that his ancestors in this country have been Federalists, Whigs and Republicans, and have never been attached to the Democratic party. His grandfather took the Cincinnati Liberty Hall Gazette from its first issue, all his life, his father took it all his life, and Mr. Evans has taken it ever since he has resided in Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mr. Evans is a Mason, and holds his membership in Portsmouth Lodge, and is a Vestryman in All Saints' Protestant Episcopal Church. He thinks the highest and best thing one can accomplish is to lead an honorable life, do one's duty as a citizen, and keep his obligations. His forefathers lived up to this idea, and he is trying to imitate them to the best of his ability.

ALLEN TRIMBLE, the seventh Governor of the State, was born in Augusta county, Virginia, November 24, 1783, and died at Hillboro, Ohio, February 3, 1870. His ancestry were of Scoth-Irish origin, and

were among the first settlers of Virginia. His grandfather, John Trimble, was killed by the Indians, and his only son, James, taken prisoner. He was then a lad of fifteen years and with others was carried over the Allegheny mountains. They were followed by a party led by Colonel Moffit, a stepson of John Trimble, and the prisoner brought back. In 1774 James Trimble, father of our subject, fought under General Lewis at the decisive battle of Point Pleasant against the Indians led by Chief Cornstalk. He also commanded a company of border militia during the war of independence. Captain James Trimble, for such was now his title, located his land grants, received for military services, in western Kentucky. In 1784 he and his young wife joined a company of over 500 men, women and children, led by General Knox, of Revolutionary fame, and made the trip from eastern Virginia to western Kentucky on horseback, depending on their rifles for supplies of food. The subject of this sketch at that time was less than a year old, and was carried all the way in his mother's arms. Captain Trimble was married in 1780 to Jane Allen, a daughter of James Allen. Her two brothers were killed in battle,—one at Grant's defeat near Fort Duquesne, and the other at Point Pleasant by Chief Cornstalk's forces.

Captain Trimble located his land at what afterward became McConnell's Station, near Lexington, Kentucky. Here he resided until his death in 1804. He was a man of very deep convictions and had long maintained that the institution of slavery was wrong. He accordingly liberated all his slaves before his death. Desiring to establish a home in a free State, he, in company with his son Allen, visited Ohio in 1802, and selected lands in the valley of the Scioto, and along the creeks of Paint and Clear. Tne tract of land on Clear creek, Highland county, comprised 1,200 acres, and was made the homestead because of the healthfulness of the situation. He built on it a double cabin near the present site of Hillsboro, and planted a small orchard of six acres, bringing the trees on horseback from his Kentucky home. Captain Trimble suddenly dying in the spring of 1804, the further carrying out of his plans was left to his son Allen, the subject of this mention. He had received as good an education as the country afforded at that time, and although not twenty-one years old, he felt the great responsibility of the care of a family of younger brothers and sisters, and went manfully to work to meet the occasion. After settling up the father's estate in Kentucky, he moved the family to the home prepared for them in Highland county, Ohio, in 1805. In 1809 he was appointed Clerk in the Court of Common Pleas, and filled this office seven years. On receiving this appointment he moved to Hillsboro, and resided there until his death. In 1812 he was made Colonel of one of the regiments recruited for thirty days' service under General William Henry Harrison. He was sent with his regiment to the relief of the garrison at Fort Wayne, and so well did he discharge the duties assigned to him that he received the compliments of General Harrison. At the call of Governor Meigs for volunteers in 1813 he marched a regiment to Upper Sandusky, but there being no supplies provided for these patriotic men General Harrison was obliged to send them back home.

In 1816 Mr. Trimble was sent to the Legislature from Highland county by a large

majority. In 1817 he was sent to the Senate from the district which Fayette and Highland counties composed. He was made Speaker of the Senate in 1818 and remained in that position until elected to the United States Senate at the death of his brother and predecessor, Colonel William A. Trimble. In October, 1826, he was elected Governor of the State by a large majority, his opponents being Messrs. Benjamin Tappan, John Bigger, and John W. Campbell. Mr. Trimble's vote in this case was six times as great as the combined vote of the other three candidates. During this term of office he was empowered by the Legislature to select a half-million acres of land for canal purposes. In company with Mr. Louis Davis, of Cincinnati, he gave considerable time to this during the summer of 1827, and so well was the work done that the Legislature at its next sitting extended the gentleman a vote of thanks. The great popularity of General Jackson which swept the country in 1828 was severely felt by the Whig party in Ohio. Governor Trimble, however, made the race for another term, and although he he had been a Henry Clay Whig all his life, still he was re-relected by a large majority. By his wise counsels and great popularity he succeeded in holding the Whig party together till 1832, and then on his retirement from public life the State fell into the hands of the Democrats.

Mr. Trimble was married to Margaret McDowell shortly after coming to the State of Ohio. She bore him two children, and died after three years of married life. He then married Miss Rachel Woodrow, with whom he lived for sixty years, she surviving him by about eight months. They raised a large family, a number of whom still live in Highland county.

EDWARD LEE McCLAIN, a prominent manufacturer of Greenfield, Ohio, was born in this city, May 30, 1861, son of William Page McClain and his wife, whose maiden name was Margaret Ann Parkinson.

Mr. McClain is descended from some of the early pioneers of Ohio. His maternal grandmother, who was before her marriage a Miss Ross, is reputed to have been the first white woman in Highland county. She lived to be eighty years of age. Her father participated in the war of 1812, being at the surrender of Hull, and later in some of the engagements on the lakes. The McClains are of Scotch origin. Grandfather John McClain was born in New Jersey, November 23, 1800, and shortly afterward was brought to Clermont county, Ohio, by his parents, who settled near Bethel. He was a local preacher of the Methodist Church. His wife, *née* Sarah W. Ellsberry, was born in North Carolina, January 6, 1800, and they were the parents of eight children. Their son, William Page, was born in Clermont county, January 10, 1823, and died at Huntington, West Virginia, August 8, 1888. The last two years of his life he was subject to rheumatism, and at the time of his decease was on his way to the Hot Springs of Virginia, whither he was going in hope of relief. His remains were brought back and interred in Greenfield cemetery. Mr. McClain was for a number of years identified with the business interests of Greenfield. He first came here in 1858 and embarked in mercantile pursuits. Later he went to Newport, Kentucky, where he had charge of the nursery owned by Dr. Joseph Taylor, filling that position for twenty years, and at the same time keeping his residence at Greenfield. After this he had a harness store.

Edward L. McClain attended the public schools of his native town until he was sixteen. At that age he entered his father's harness store and began work at the trade of harness-maker. While thus occupied he conceived the idea of a sweat-pad for horse collars, and between 1877 and 1881 developed his ideas in this line. In the fall of the latter year he secured the original patent on his invention, and immediately thereafter began the manufacture of this sweat-pad, which has since become famous and which is appropriately called the "Horse's Friend." He began its manufacture in a small way in a room 20x30 feet, located in the rear of the Citizens' Bank, on Jefferson street, Greenfield. The next six months he gave his entire time to their manufacture, doing all the work by hand, having one man to assist him part of the time. The business gradually grew, and ere long Mr. McClain secured additional rooms above the bank. As no business can be conducted without capital, he found it necessary to secure a loan of $300 to carry on his business, even on such a small scale, this being the original capital investment. This amount he promptly paid back from his profits. In the spring of 1883 he moved into a three-story stone building on the corner of Jefferson and Sixth streets, known at that time as the I. O. O. F. Building, and at the time this move was made Mr. W. A. Anderson was admitted as a partner, the firm becoming McClain & Anderson, and the capital stock then being $10,000. Up to that date the machinery used in the business was operated by hand. Being a pioneer in this line of manufacture, Mr. McClain could find no machinery adapted to the peculiar requirements of the business, so he employed professional machinists for the purpose of devising and applying machinery, the result being the splendidly equipped manufacturing plant as it now stands, aggregating several acres of floor space and giving employment, the year round, to several hundred people. In October, 1887, Mr. McClain bought back the interest of Mr. Anderson, and the firm name changed to E. L. McClain Manufacturing Company, Mr. McClain, however, being the only one financially interested in the enterprise. Since 1884 the factory has been located on South Washington street, in what was up to that date the academy and seminary building. This is a stone building, has been remodeled and enlarged, and is admirably adapted to the purpose for which it is used.

Endowed as he is with perseverance, skill and energy, Mr. McClain is emphatically the architect of his own great business and fortune. He is properly regarded as a strict man of business, yet his social qualities are of a high order, he being always courteous, polite and generous, and to those who know him best a genial, pleasant gentleman. He is a member of the Masonic Order, the I. O. O. F., and the Knights of Pythias. McClain Lodge, K. of P., Greenfield, was so called in honor of him, and to his generosity is due the fact that this order owns the splendid rooms and hall they now occupy in the Pythian Castle. While he has kept aloof from politics, he has found time for books and self-improvement, and in his elegant home is found an excellent library of choice volumes.

Before the complete establishment of the industry over which he so admirably presides, Greenfield, like other similar inland towns, was scarcely known beyond the precincts of Highland county, and moved at the ordinary pace of towns dependent upon

their agricultural surroundings. As soon, however, as the McClain manufacturing industry was well on its feet and its whistle called hundreds of its employes to work, a new spirit possessed the town and that thrift and enterprise became visible on every hand which soon made its name familiar in all great marts of trade and commerce.

Mr. McClain was married December 17, 1885, to Miss Lulu Johnson, of Oakley, Hamilton county, Ohio. Their children are Edward Lee, Jr., born February 16, 1887; and Helen Clare, July 1, 1892.

THE PENNYWITTS' ANCESTORS.—In the year of 1740 John Pennywitt left Lorraine, a province of France, for New York. He was accompanied by two younger brothers. They left the land of their birth to escape persecution (perhaps death,) on account of their religious belief. They were Huguenots. John Pennywitt was thrown into prison for quite a time by the Jesuits, but was released on condition that he would read the Catholic catechism. He and his two younger brothers, one night when all arrangements were completed, threw their Catholic books into their father's forebay (they were millers,) and shipped out for America and in due time landed in New York. One of the most marked characteristics of the generations that have followed him is that none of them would ever surrender his convictions of right and truth for any consideration of ease, gain or other advantage.

Arriving in a land where the freedom of conscience was respected, the three brothers separated, the two younger brothers finding employment in the mills near New York city. John, the oldest, drifted to Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, where he secured employment as a miller. He married his employer's daughter, but because of his poverty, his father-in-law, who was quite wealty, refused him a home or further employment. He thereupon took his bride and started upon a journey to South Carolina to join there a colony of Huguenots. They traveled overland in a wagon, and on their way they passed up the Shenandoah valley. Charmed with the beauty of the scenery and attracted by the fertility of the soil, and a fine location for a mill, he decided to stop there. He located some land and erected the first mill ever built in the valley of the Shenandoah, on a stream that is to this day known as Mill creek, the name being derived from the circumstance of his mill being located there. Here the young miller and his wife lived, reared a large family, and prospered. He became one of the wealthiest men of the valley, owning at one time over 1,000 acres of land. Several members of his family remained near the old home, quite a number of his decendants are now living in the immediate vicinity of Mount Jackson, others of his family removed to the far West, then the Northwestern Territory.

Adam Pennywitt, one of his sons, came to Manchester and bought the land that General Massie and Israel Donaldson were surveying when Donaldson was captured by the Indians. Here Adam Pennywitt built the first brick house erected in Monroe township. In digging his celler they dug up the skeleton of a giant that had been buried standing. Although Adam Pennywitt was quite a large man, the jaw bone of this skeleton would reach around his to his ears, and its thigh bone would reach from Adam Pennywitt's wrist to his

shoulder. This skeleton must have been of a man at least eight feet high. Adam Pennywitt had only two children, Anna and Lavner. Anna married Isaac Donaldson, and lived and died in Manchester. Lavner married Jane Naylor, youngest daughter of James Naylor, one of the earliest settlers of Adams county. Adam Pennywitt and his son Lavner lived on this farm till after the Ohio river flood of 1832, when he sold out and moved to the lower part of Kentucky, near Paducah, and from there to Arkansas, on the St. Francis river, where he died.

John Pennywitt, another son, and brother of Adam, after his father's death became owner of the mill. He reared a large family, and about the year 1801 or 1802, sold his mill to his son-in-law, Morgan, who had married his oldest daughter, Elizabeth, and, with the rest of his family, moved to Manchester and bought 370 acres of Massie, in Massie's survey, No. 5,012, a part of the Buckeye station farm and adjoining Massie's homestead.

This John Pennywitt, whom we will call No. 2, had three sons, John, Reuben and Mark. John No. 3, or "Big John" as he was then called, when a young man weighed 260 pounds, not being very fleshy at that. He married a lady from Virginia who never weighed over ninety pounds. He followed teaming, and finally settled in Greene county, Ohio, near Bellbrook, where he raised a large family, as was fashionable in those early days.

Reuben married Mary Lucas, and, after he sold his farm on Gift Ridge, settled about one and a half miles north of Sinking Spring, where he kept hotel and followed teaming. He, or rather they, had a family of thirteen daughters and one son, Levi, the youngest, who married near Marshall and moved to Macomb, Illinois, where he died, leaving four sons and one daughter. Reuben, the father, died at the home near Sinking Spring.

Mark Pennywitt, the youngest son of John (No. 2), married Ann Naylor, eldest daughter of James Naylor by his second wife, in the year 1809. They had six sons and one daughter; John, Margaret, James, Reuben, David, Samuel and Mark. John married Ann Wade, a daughter of Zephaniah Wade, a Massie colonist and the first settler on Gift Ridge. They had four sons and four daughters. Margaret married David McColm; they had eight sons and two daughters. Three sons are dead, four are Methodist ministers, and one a carpenter and builder. James married Margaret Phillips; they had five sons and three daughters. Reuben married Jane Cooper; they had five sons and four daughters. David (who is the only one of Mark Pennywitt's children living at this date, 1894), married Lamer Pixley; they had two sons and four daughters. Samuel, the fifth son, died in 1837, aged fifteen. Mark married Sarah Cooper; they had five daughters and one son. These five brothers, who grew to manhood, John, James, Reuben, David and Mark, comprised, perhaps, the most remarkable family within a radius of a hundred miles of Manchester. They were all large, strong men. Their aggregate weight was little less than one thousand pounds, and their combined strength was even greater as compared with other men.

David, the only one now living, is living in Manchester, aged seventy-five. The others, with their sister, Margaret McColm (except Samuel), lived to be seventy to seventy-seven years of age. They were all Methodists.

DAVID PENNYWITT.

REV. THOMAS SMITH WILLIAMSON, M. D., the only son of Rev. William Williamson and Mary Webb Smith, his second wife, was born in Union district, South Carolina, March 8, 1800, and removed with his parents to Mason county, Kentucky, in the fall of 1803, and to "The Beeches," two miles from Manchester, Adams county, Ohio, probably in the spring of 1805.

He prepared for college at home, went on horseback to Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, where he received the degree of A. B. in 1819. He read medicine with his brother-in-law, Dr. William B. Wilson, of West Union, Ohio, and was for two years principal of an academy at Ripley, Ohio, where he prepared a large number of young men for college. He studied medicine in Philadelphia and New Haven, and received the degree of M. D. from Yale College in 1824.

He settled in Ripley, Ohio, and built up a large practice. He married Margaret Poage, daughter of the town proprietor, a lady of high Christian character, and most admirably adapted in all respects to be his helpmeet. Settled in a pleasant town, surrounded by warm friends, in the house he regarded the most pleasant in the place, he had everything he could desire to make life happy. But he felt a voice within him, which, to his death, he never for one moment doubted, was the voice of God, calling him to leave all these comforts and endure hardships in bringing to Christ the wanderers of our western wilderness. His wife was in full accord with him. In the spring of 1833 he placed himself under the care of the Chillicothe Presbytery. August 21, he left his pleasant home, removed with his family to Walnut Hills, and entered Lane Theological Seminary. In April he was licensed to preach, and May 3 he left Cincinnati to make a tour of the West, and to select a suitable field of labor under the care of the A. B. C. F. M. He decided to begin work at Fort Snelling. Returning, he was ordained by the same Presbytery that licensed him, September 18.

Early in the spring of 1835 he started with his family, and reached Fort Snelling May 16. Here, June 11, he organized the first Presbyterian Church within the present limits of Minnesota—the First Presbyterian Church of Minneapolis. Finding other laborers at Fort Snelling and believing that more could be accomplished by a division of the forces, he pushed on to Lac-qui-Parle, 200 miles farther west, this last journey then requiring over three weeks. He worked with indefatigable zeal to acquire the Dakota language, and also the Canadian-French, and was soon able to preach in both languages.

Practicing medicine to relieve their bodies, earnestly sympathizing with those in distress, undauntedly courageous in danger, he soon won the respect of the Indians, of the traders and of the Government officers. He often made long journeys to visit the sick; and was unceasing in his labors to win the savages to Christ. He entertained a great number of travelers and Government officials. He kept up his studies, and in his later years he could translate from Latin, Greek or Hebrew with the same facility with which he could read English. He kept up with the progress of improvement in medicine. He made himself familiar with the botany of the region, and thoroughly studied the history of the Northwest, contributing many valuable papers to the Historical Society and to the magazines.

He was untiring in his efforts to secure the Indians their rights, involving a large correspondence with Indian commissioners, with leading Senators and Representatives, and made several trips to Washington. His thorough good sense, and his reputation for absolute accuracy in statements of facts, almost always secured him, at least, a respectful hearing.

His whole heart was in the work of winning souls to Christ. All his studies were subordinated to this end. In 1836 he organized a small native church at Lac-qui-Parle, the second Protestant church in the present State. He prepared a Dakota reader with the aid of the Ponds, and a part of the Bible with the aid of Mr. Renville.

By 1846, he and his helpers had built up a church of near fifty native members. It was his decided personal preference to remain, but he felt the call of duty in a request from the Kaposia band, and removed there, to where South St. Paul now is. This move probably hindered his work for the Indians, but it made him an influential factor in building up work among the whites. He preached the first Protestant sermon in the English language, and also in the French language, within the present limits of St. Paul, and secured for that place its first teacher, Miss Harriet Bishop, and its first minister of the gospel, Rev. E. D. Neill, D. D.

The Indians having sold their land, he removed to Pajutazee, on the Minnesota, nearly thirty miles below Lac-qui-Parle, in 1852. Here he labored until 1862. On August 18, the terrible outbreak occurred at daybreak, thirty-eight miles nearer the white settlements. On Tuesday the Doctor sent away his family, except his wife and sister, who were unwilling to leave him, hoping that by remaining he might check the spread of the outbreak. The Christian Indians rallied around him, but it became evident by night that if they remained they would be attacked by the hostiles, causing much bloodshed. Aided by Christian Indians, he escaped in the night, overtook his family, came near Fort Ridgely just after the second attack on it, and escaped safely to St. Peter.

Many were ready to cry that the mission work was a failure. All the other missionaries began to talk of leaving, but the Doctor and his son did not for one moment yield to hesitatition, but pushed their work with redoubled zeal. However much the Christian Indians might be abused by excited whites, he knew that they had done all in their power to diminish the massacres, had aided hundreds in escaping, and had held the hostiles in check, diminishing by more than one-half the size of the war. Had every Christian Indian now gone back to heathenism, the effect of the work in diminishing this blow would have saved to our country at least fifty times the cost of the mission.

The Doctor lived to see more than 1,000 communicants, members of the Presbyterian and Congregational churches, the direct result of the mission of himself and his coadjutors. Episcopalians building on the foundation they had laid, gathered almost as many more. In September, 1894, at a meeting of the Presbyterian and Congregational Dakotas, nearly 2,000 were gathered together, earnestly planning for the spread of the Redeemer's kingdom in their tribe.

The Doctor never removed his family from St. Peter. He spent his summers in missionary tours, his winters partly in correspondence with native pastors and other Dakota workers, and the various labors already alluded to, but chiefly in translat-

ing the word of God. He was extremely anxious that the exact meaning of the Hebrew and Greek scriptures should be rendered into idiomatic Dakota. To this end, he spent almost as much time in revising the translation of Dr. Riggs as in making his own. Dr. Riggs also revised his, and Prof. J. P. Williamson, son of Dr. Williamson, also revised nearly all. As a result, very few languages have as good a translation of the Bible.

The Dakota dictionary, regarded as the best of any Indian language and originally prepared by the Messrs. Pond, owed very much to the painstaking scholarship of Dr. Williamson, though it bears the name of its editor, Dr. Riggs.

Mrs. Williamson died July 21, 1872. No couple were ever happier in each other, or mutually more helpful. Still cheerful, he did not, after this time, show the overflowing spirit of calm rejoicing which, to his family, had always seemed to characterize him even in the most troublous times. He completed his translation of the Bible in 1878. There was other work he would have liked to do, but the strain of work without his loved companion to solace him had worn him out. His great work was done, and the earnestness in this no longer sustaining him, he gradually failed, and June 24, 1879, fell asleep in Jesus, in his eightieth year.

Four children survive him: Rev. John P. Williamson, of Greenwood, South Dakota, since 1860 a missionary to the Dakotas; Andrew W. Williamson, professor of mathematics, Augustans College, Rock Island, Illinois; Mrs. Martha Stout, Portland, Oregon; and Henry M. Williamson, editor of the Rural Northwest, Portland, Oregon. His daughter, Nancy Jane, was a missionary from 1869 to her death in 1878, performing a grand work. His granddaughter, Nancy Hunter, having lost her mother in infancy, was adopted, and soon after his death began the same work, in which she is still engaged, the last three years as the wife of Rev. E. J. Lindsay, Poplar, Montana. PROF. A. W. W.

DAVID SINTON, capitalist, of Cincinnati, was born in Armagh county, Ireland, his father, John Sinton, being a linen weaver, and of English ancestry. His mother was a McDonnell, of Scotch extraction. The family name was originally Swinton, a name borne by many of England's greatest men.

John Sinton emigrated to the United States when our subject was but three years old. He located at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and sent his son, David, to school. By close application to his studies the son acquired early a fair education. When thirteen years old he came west to Sinking Spring, Highland county, Ohio, and was employed as a clerk at four dollars per month, and board. He remained here for two years and then went to Cincinnati, but shortly after returned to Sinking Spring, and remained until he had saved a small capital. He then returned to Cincinnati and began a small commission business. He finally sold out this business and went to Washington Court House, Fayette county, where he became manager of a large dry-goods establishment. He was next employed by James Rogers & Co., of Hanging Rock, as manager of their "landing and river" business. After remaining with this firm for a time, at a more lucrative salary, he took the management of Union Furnace,

then owned by John Sparks & Co., of Lawrence county. This was his first connection with the iron business. In less than two years he was managing the entire business of this firm, and soon became a partner. Later he built the Ohio Furnace, and remodeled the Union Furnace. It was here that Mr. Sinton laid the foundation of his immense fortune. By buying large quantities of pig iron at a small price, and later selling it at an advance of 700 or 800 per cent, the firm netted a great deal of money. Our subject was one of the few men shrewd enough to foresee the rise in the price of iron. He thus not only kept his own furnaces running all the time, but bought the product of many neighboring furnaces.

In 1849 Mr. Sinton moved to Cincinnati for the purpose of establishing an office for the sale of the products of his furnaces. This city has been his home since that time, and so actively has he been identified with its interests that it would be necessary to write the history of the city since that time in order to write his history.

Of the fine edifices erected and owned by him, we will mention only the Sinton Building, and the Grand Opera House, purchased by him in 1882 at a cost of over $200,000. Of his benevolences he deserves especial credit for a gift of $33,000 to the Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Sinton was married to Jane Ellison, of Manchester, Ohio. She bore him two children, Edward, who died in 1869, and Annie, who married Charles P., son of Hon. Alphonso Taft.

Mr. Sinton, politically, is a Republican, He was a strong Union man at a time when it cost considerable to be such. His stanch uprightness and shrewd business acumen are well known to the general public. Although quite an old man he still keeps a general oversight of his business affairs. The writer met him at his office in the Sinton Building, Cincinnati, and was surprised to find a man of his age so thoroughly in touch with and well posted on the current events of the day.

OSCAR FITZALLEN MOORE, lawyer, of Portsmouth, Ohio, now deceased, was born in Jefferson county, near La Grand, Ohio, January 27, 1817. His father, James H. Moore, was of Irish ancestry, and his mother, of German descent. Our subject attended Wellsburg Academy long enough to prepare for college, and then became a member of the class of 1836, Washington College, Pennsylvania, graduating with honors. The same year he began the study of law in the office of Wrights & Walker. Mr. Wrights was an attorney of great renown, as well as an author of considerable merit. Timothy Walker was also a jurist of note. Mr. Moore took a course of one year with this firm, and then entered the office of D. L. Collier, Steubenville, Ohio, where he remained until his admission to the bar in 1838. In 1839 he located at Portsmouth, Ohio, and began the practice of his profession. Later he became associated with George O. Newman, his son-in-law. Mr. Moore built up a large and lucrative practice, although the field was somewhat crowded with men of considerable eminence, the location and future prospects of the town attracting such.

Our subject was elected as an old-line Whig to the last session of the State Legislature under the old constitution, in 1830, and the following year was sent to the Sen-

ate. In 1854 he was elected a member of the thirty-fourth Congress. In 1856 he was defeated for re-election owing to his support of Millard Filmore. He returned to the practice of his profession after his defeat and lived quietly in Portsmouth until the breaking out of the Rebellion. He became one of the strongest war Democrats, and was appointed Lieutenant Colonel of the Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, by Governor Dennison. Later he became Colonel and passed through all the hard fighting of his regiment (one of the most active of the war) until July, 1864, when he resigned, owing to ill health, superinduced by a wound received at the battle of Perryville. Thus Colonel Moore saw more than three years' active service.

He was married in 1843 to Martha B. Scott, daughter of Judge Thomas B. Scott, of Chillicothe. The children are: Clay B., wife of George O. Newman; and Kate S., wife of James W. Newman (see sketch).

JOSEPH BENSON FORAKER, ex-Governor of the State of Ohio, and now one of the leading attorneys of Cincinnati, was born in Paint township, near Rainsboro, Highland county, Ohio, July 5, 1846. His father was a farmer on Rocky Fork creek, Highland county, and it was there our subject passed his boyhood. When the civil war broke out he was only fifteen years old, but he was very anxious to enlist. His parents, however, would not entertain such an idea. In deference to their wishes young Foraker did not "run away," feeling confident that he could gain their consent later. This he succeeded in doing the following year, and he lost no time in entering the service. Captain (afterward Colonel) W. H. Glenn was raising a company at Hillsborough for the Eight-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and in this company our subject enlisted. It afterward became Company A. He was one of the first to volunteer, and was informed that the one who brought in the most recruits would be First or Orderly Sergeant. Mr. Foraker won the distinction, but voluntarily gave place to an older man and one of more experience in soldering, and accepted the Second Sergeantcy. As is well known, the Eighty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry went immediately into active service and hard fighting, and its losses in battle made room for rapid promotion. Sergeant Foraker passed through all of it, and was rapidly promoted to Orderly Sergeant, Second and First Lieutenant, and then to a Captaincy. In the attack on Mission Ridge he commanded two companies and was the first man of the regiment to enter the enemy's works. His war record is one of brilliant successes, and a part of the history of the country.

The war over, Capt. Foraker returned home, and renewed his studies at South Salem Academy until he was able to enter the freshman class at the Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio. After spending two years in that institution, he entered Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, and graduated in the first class turned out by that institution, that of 1869. While here he became a member of the Phi Kappa Phi fraternity, and was one of three men who founded the chapter. While in college he studied law, and was admitted to the practice shortly after graduation, having spent three months under the instruction of Judge Sloan, of Cincinnati. He immediately entered into the active practice of his profession and rapidly built up a lucrative business.

In 1878 he was appointed supervisor of Congressional elections at Cincinnati. In 1876 he was nominated by the Republicans for Common Pleas Judge, but was defeated by a Democratic wave which swept the district. Captain Foraker, however, made so strong a run that his party nominated him, in 1879, for Judge of the Superior Court, and elected him. In May, 1882, he resigned from the bench owing to ill health. In 1883, Judge Foraker was nominated at the Columbus convention for Governor, and elected by a large majority. Two years subsequent he was defeated, but was returned to the gubernatorial chair in 1888. At the expiration of this second term he retured to the practice of his profession in Cincinnati, and has since been thus employed. Governor Foraker is not out of politics, however; in fact, he is a very important factor in the politics of the State, and is prominently mentioned as the Republican candidate to succeed Senator Brice, whose term will soon expire.

Governor Foraker was married October 4, 1870, to Miss Julia Bundy, daughter of Hon. H. S. Bundy, of Jackson, Ohio. Their home is on Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, and four children enliven the home circle. Religiously, the family is Methodist, the Governor being a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

BENJAMIN BRAYTON GAYLORD, iron man, was born in Westernville, New York, November 26, 1811; he died at Portsmouth, Ohio, September 1, 1880, and is buried in the cemetery in that city. The parents of our subject were Dr. Chester and Lydia (*nee* Brayton) Gaylord, and they removed to Litchfield, New York, when their son was quite small. Here he passed his young manhood. In 1839 Mr. Gaylord came to Portsmouth and accepted a clerical position from his cousin, T. G. Gaylord, at that time connected with the Gaylord rolling mill. Later he became a stockholder in the Clinton Furnace, and in 1844 became its manager.

He returned to Portsmouth in 1848 and assumed full control of the Gaylord rolling mill, and was thus employed until 1874, when, on account of failing health, he retired from active business.

Mr. Gaylord was married in 1845 to Miss Margaret Jane Hempstead, a daughter of Dr. Hempstead (see sketch). There were six children, three now living,—Martha B., Helen M., and Benjamin H.,—all residing in California. Mr. Gaylord became converted to the Christian religion at the age of fifteen years, under the preaching of Rev. Abner Towne, father of Judge H. A. Towne, of Portsmouth. He continued a consistant Christian the remainder of his life. During his residence in Portsmouth he was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and for many years held the office of ruling Elder. Shortly before his death he was elected "Elder Emeritus" by a unanimous rising vote of the congregation. He was a man almost universally loved by the people. It is said that no one ever asked charity of him in vain. At the same time he would not encourage thriftlessness by giving. Instead of giving a tramp money he would send him to a hotel for a meal and settle with the hotel man. His pastor, Dr. Pratt, said at his funeral:—

"He cared for the poor and needy, sending coal and provisions to their homes when they knew not from whence they

came. Many a widow and orphan will shed tears over his grave when they remember his kind deeds of love to them. If every one who has received any favor from him, or any act of kindness, were to bring a spray of evergreen and throw it into his grave, I verily believe it would fill it up to the top. He was one of the most upright, conscientious business men that I ever knew. If, as the poet says, 'An honest man's the noblest work of God,' then was he whom we this day honor by our presence and by our words one of God's true noblemen."

REV. DAVID STANTON TAPPAN, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born in Steubenville, Ohio, April 2, 1845, his parents being Benjamin and Oella (Stanton) Tappan. The name originally Topham, meaning an upper hamlet, originated in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. At a family meeting of the children of Rev. Benjamin Tappan, great-grandfather of the subject of our sketch, in 1799, it was agreed to adopt the spelling now used.

The first of the family of whom we have any account, Robert, died in 1550, at Linton, near Paley Bridge, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, England. Then came Thomas, Edward and William in the order named. Abraham Topham, the founder of the family in America, was a cooper by trade. He came from Yarmouth, England, and settled at old Newbury, Massachusetts, in October, 1637. His wife was Susanna Taylor. Peter, a son of Abraham Topham, was born in Yarmouth, England, in 1634, and brought by his parents to New England three years later, as stated above. He married Jane Batt, April 3, 1661, and died November 3, 1707. He had eight children, one of whom, Samuel, was born June 5, 1670. Samuel Topham was the father of ten children, of whom Benjamin was the ninth, born in 1720, a graduate of Harvard College, and a minister of the gospel at Manchester, Massachusetts. He had twelve children, of whom his son, Benjamin, the eldest, was born, November 1, 1747. As mentioned above, this Benjamin Topham, afterward spelled Tappan, was the paternal great-grandfather of the gentleman whose name heads this article. He was a goldsmith in Boston, and, October 22, 1770, he married Sarah Holmes, daughter of the man to whom he was apprenticed. The grandmother of Sarah Holmes was a sister of Benjamin Franklin. Sarah Holmes was born January 2, 1748, and died March 26, 1826. Mr. Tappan, her husband, died January, 30, 1831. They had eleven children, seven boys and four girls, and nine children survived them. Mr. Tappan, having commenced the goldsmith's trade as an apprentice under his father-in-law, William Holmes, located at Northampton, Massachusetts, where he conducted a successful business for twenty years. He then embarked in the dry goods business. Of the children of Benjamin and Sarah (Holmes) Tappen, we will speak of only two, Arthur and Benjamin.

Arthur was born May 22, 1786, and died in July, 1865. He was a well known pioneer merchant of New York City. His philanthrophy was proverbial and reached thousands of dollars every year. But it is as an abolitionist that Mr. Arthur Tappen will be known in history. He was made president of the Anti-Slavery Society organ- in New York city, October 3, 1833, and

December 4, the same year, he was made president of a similar society of national character, organized at Philadelphia, to which he contributed $2,000 annually, In April, 1830, Mr. Tappan paid the cost of trial and fines of William Lloyd Garrison, then imprisoned at Baltimore for some article published in his anti-slavery paper. He was founder of the Journal of Commerce in New York city, September 1, 1827.

Benjamin Tappan, grandfather of our subject, was born in Northampton, Massachusetts, May 25, 1773, and died at Steubenville, Ohio, April 12, 1857. He learned the arts of copper-plate engraving and printing and portrait painting. Later he studied law, and in 1799 came West to the Territory now known as Ohio and settled at Steubenville. He was chosen to the Legislature in 1803, was Aid-de-camp to General Wadsworth in the war of 1812, was for seven years presiding Judge of the fifth Ohio Circuit, and was appointed United States District Judge by President Jackson in 1833. In 1831, at Steubenville, he published a volume of reports of cases of the Common Pleas Court, which was the first law book ever published in Ohio. This work was published at the request of the Steubenville bar, which raised by subscription nearly enough to defray the expenses of publication. He was a United States Senator from 1839 to 1845; a Democrat until 1848, when he joined the Free-soil movement. His first wife, Nancy Wright, was a sister of Hon. John C. Wright, a Congressman from Ohio. The young couple were among the first settlers of Portage county, and made their home where Ravenna now stands. In 1809 they moved to Steubenville. There was one child, Benjamin, father of our subject, by this marriage. Later, Mr. Tappan married Mrs. Elizabeth Frazer, *née* Lord. One child blessed this union,—Prof. Eli T. Tappan, from 1869-75, President of Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, a leading educator, and Commissioner of Public Schools of Ohio from 1887 to time of death, October 23, 1888.

Dr. Benjamin Tappan, father of our subject, was born in Steubenville, April 1, 1812, and died January 17, 1884. His early education was conducted under the careful direction of his talented father, Judge Tappan. At the age of twelve he entered an academy at Round Hill, Massachusetts, where he had as a classmate the late Rev. Dr. Henry Bellows, of New York city, and, as an instructor, Hon. George Bancroft, the historian. It had been his intention to finish his education at Harvard, but he finally resolved at the solicitation of friends to prepare under private instruction for a profession. Later, he passed two years in the medical department of the University of Pennsylvania and graduated in the spring of 1836. The great physiologist, the late Dr. John William Draper, was his roommate, and one of his instructors was Dr. Bache, of dispensary fame. In the autum of 1836 Dr. Tappan entered the University of France, where he had access to the Paris Hospital, the largest and most scientific in the world at that time. He was not a politician, but in 1838 was appointed special Minister Extraordinary to Ecuador by President Van Buren. The appointment came largely because of his scholarly acquirements, the knowledge of Spanish being rare among politicians at that time. In 1839 Dr. Tappan was married to Miss Oella Stanton, a daughter of Dr. David Stanton, of Steubenville, and a sister of the late Edwin M. Stanton, the great Secretary of War under Lincoln.

David Stanton Tappan, the subject of our sketch, took the degree of A. B. from Miami University, of Oxford, Ohio, in 1864, graduating with the highest honors of his class. In 1867 he received the degree of D. D. from the theological seminary at Allegheny, Pennsylvania. The degree of A. M. was conferred by Wooster University, Ohio, in 1878, and by Miami University in 1885. The degree of D. D. was conferred by Lenox College, Iowa, in 1887. His first charge was at Chariton, Iowa, in 1867, where he continued until February, 1871, when he was called by the First Presbyterian Church of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. In 1890 he took charge of the First Presbyterian Church at Portsmouth, Ohio, where he is still serving most acceptably.

Dr. Tappan was married at Hillsborough, Ohio, August 12, 1869, to Anna L. Grand Girard. She was a daughter of E. Grand Girard, a Presbyterian clergyman, descended from the French Huguenots.

Dr. Tappan, as his ancestry would indicate, is a man of great force of character. He is a leader in whatever community he moves. At the same time there is an absence of that austerity so common to leaders of men, and one seldom meets a more genial gentleman than the Doctor.

Eleven children have been born to Dr. and Mrs D. S. Tappan. Two died in infancy, Benjamin April 17, 1872, and Edwin Stanton, February 10, 1892. Nine are still living, and in the order of their ages are: Oella Stanton, Julia May, Paul, David, Frank Girard, Lucy Fredrika, George, Helen and Margaret. Dr. Tappan has always taken a leading part in works of the denomination to which he belongs. He was Stated Clerk of the Synod of Iowa from the time of its organization in 1882 until his removal from the State in 1890. He was a member of the Presbyterian General Assemblies of 1875 at Cleveland, 1881 at Buffalo, 1886 at Minneapolis, and 1893 at Washington, District of Columbia.

He has been closely identified with the work of education all his life, was offered but declined the position of principal of the preparatory department of Miami University to succeed Professor Swing when the latter removed to Chicago; had charge of academies in Armstrong and Clarion counties, Pennsylvania, during the summers of 1865 and '66; was a Trustee of Parsons College, Iowa, and had been president of the local School Board for six years at the time of his removal from that State. For three years he has been president of the Board of City Examiners at Portsmouth. He is at present chairman of the Permanent Committee on Education of the Presbyterian Synod of Ohio, a position which he holds for the next five years.

COL. JOHN MEANS.—The people of Ohio are more indebted to this high-minded Southern gentleman than they are aware. He was the first to develop the iron interests of southern Ohio. He was of the old Scotch and Scotch-Irish Presbyterian stock. The family name has been written McMeans and it is the same as Mayne or Maynes.

William Means was born in Ireland and married Nancy Simonton. He emigrated to the United States, and settled in Juniata county, Pennsylvania, about 1760; from there they removed to Union district in South Carolina, where they were residing during the Revolution. William Means embraced the side of the Colonies, and being confined

to his home by disease was subjected to great annoyances by the Tories. A part of the time the family was supported by a slave, Bob, a native of Africa, and at one time they were compelled to live on wheat boiled in water, not being able to procure other provisions.

With all their privations they had eight children: James, Hugh, Margaret, Mary, William, Rachel, John and Jane. The eldest, James, was born in Ireland. Mary married William Daritte and moved with her husband to Adams county, Ohio, in 1802. William also moved to Adams county, Ohio, in 1802, and to Edgar county in 1822.

John Means, the subject of our sketch, was born March 14, 1770. He grew to manhood at the place of his birth, and married Anne Williamson, the daughter of Thomas and Anne Newton Williamson, on the 10th of April, 1798. Prior to his marriage he had united with the Presbyterian Church. He lived in Union district, South Carolina, with his mother until her death in August, 1799. After his mother's death he moved to Spartenburg district, and engaged in farming, merchandising and tanning. At the time of his removal to Spartenburg district, the only company of militia near his home had for its captain one Brayton, who had been a Tory in the Revolutionary war. John Means' hatred of the Tories was so strong that, though the law required him to belong to the militia, he would not join Brayton's company, but got up one of his own, rather than to serve under one of those who had persecuted his father during the previous war. During the war of 1812, he was commissioned a Colonel of the militia in South Carolina, but was never called into active service.

He was a member of the South Carolina Legislature in 1815 and 1816. He and his wife both believed that slaves had souls, and that they should be taught to read the Bible. This would not be permitted in South Carolina, and Colonol Means determined to remove to Ohio, where his brother, William Means, had preceded him in 1802, and his brother-in-law, the Rev. William Williamson, in 1805. He took with him twenty-four slaves, to give them their freedom. On reaching Adams county, Ohio, he purchased a farm about one mile west of Bentonville, on what is now the Maysville turnpike, of John Lodwick, and in 1824 erected him a suitable dwelling on it, with quarters for his freedmen. He was a member of the Ohio Legislature in 1824, 1825 and 1826. He always declared slavery to be a moral and political evil.

He mined the first iron in Adams county, and built the Brush creek forge furnace, and made iron there. He was one of the partners who built Union furnace, the first furnace built in the Hanging Rock region. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church at Manchester, Ohio.

While a practical Abolitionist, he was not of the kind of the Rev. Dyer Burgess, who afterward married his daughter. He and Mr. Burgess often had heated discussions on the subject. He watched over and cared for his former slaves as long as he lived. When near the end of his life, he often expressed himself as gratified with his action in freeing his slaves, and bringing his family into a free State. He died March 15, 1839. His wife survived him until November 30, 1840. Colonel Means was a sincere Christian, an active, upright and successful business man. His wife was a remarkable woman. She was of the same

views as her husband on slavery and was noted for her piety and good works.

It is mainly through their children this eminent couple are known to this generation. They had six children: Elizabeth Williamson, born in 1799, married Dr. William M. Vorhis in 1827, and by him was the mother of three daughters, one of whom was the wife of Hon. William P. Cutler, of Marietta, Ohio. Dr. Vorhis died of the cholera, in Cincinnati, Ohio, June 8, 1835. In 1842 she married the Rev. Dyer Burgess, and became his widow in 1872, but lived until February 28, 1889, to the great age of ninety.

A son, Thomas Williamson Means, was known to all the business men of southern Ohio. He was born in South Carolina, November 23, 1803, and came with his father to Ohio, 1819. He married Sarah Ellison, December 4, 1828, at Buckeye Station, and engaged in merchandising at West Union, Ohio, until 1831. He removed to Union Furnace in that year. Afterward he removed to Union Landing, where he resided until 1865, when he removed to Hanging Rock. He moved to Ashland, Kentucky, in 1882, and died June 8, 1890. He was one of the pioneers in the manufacture of iron in southern Ohio, and as such, was known to all the iron founders in this country.

Hon. William Means, once Mayor of Cincinnati, Ohio, and John Means, Esq., of Ashland, Kentucky, are sons of Thomas W. Means.

Another son of Colonel John Means was the late Hugh Means of Ashland, Kentucky, who was born in Spartenburg district, South Carolina, October 14, 1812. He married Esther Ellison, at Buckeye Station, in 1841. She died in 1851, and in 1853 he married his cousin, Amanda Wilson, who survived him. Every business man of Cincinnati knew Thomas W. Means, and Hugh Means. The former was associated in business with David Sinton for years, and in that time the latter laid the foundation of his immense fortune.

Colonel Means tells us of himself and of his views and labors through his children and grandchildren; who are among the foremost in the land, and the memory of a man who had the conscience and moral courage to be an Abolitionist in South Carolina in 1819, and to demonstrate his faith by removing hundreds of miles into a new country, to free his slaves and to place his family in a free State, deserves to have a place of remembrance in the hearts of this generation. Such moral heroism should be inscribed in lasting tablets in the treasure house of fame. N. W. E.

JAMES DAVID CLARE was born in Washington city, District of Columbia, November 13, 1822. His father, James Clare, was a native of Calvert county, Maryland, and his mother, Ruth Smedley, hailed from Jefferson county, Virginia. Mr. Clare, senior, conducted a small mercantile business in Washington, and later in Alexandria, and in 1833 came to Ohio, and began farming near Springfield. In 1836 he moved to Lawrence county, and worked at the Vesuvius and La Grange furnaces. In 1838 he removed to Jackson county, and returned to farming, which occupation he followed till his death, October 8, 1851.

Mr. James Clare was born February 20, 1790. His wife was born May 27, 1794, and died March 23, 1873. They are both

buried on the old farm in Jackson county. James D., our subject, was the only son of six children. He began teaching county school at an early age, receiving very little pay, and "boarding round." In 1847 he taught at the Ohio Furnace, and also spent some time in clerking in the company store. In 1849 he located on a farm, and taught through the winter.

In 1852 he opened a small general merchandise store at Cross Roads Station, Scioto county; in 1854 he added a sawmill, and in 1859 a grist mill. In 1865 he was one of the principal organizers of the banking firm of Kinney, Bundy & Company, of Jackson, which was later changed to Chapman, Clare & Company, and still later to the First National Bank, of Jackson, Ohio. In 1868 he was one of the company of Clare, Duduit & Company that purchased the Madison Furnace; in 1872 he helped to form the Ohio Stove Company, at Portsmouth, of which he later became president; and in 1874 he was one of the prime movers in the building of Huron furnace, at Jackson, Ohio. He bought the Bloom furnace in 1879, and from that time conducted it under the firm name of Clare, Amos & Company.

Our subject was married August 11, 1846, to Sarah J. Ross, of Jackson. She was a daughter of Robert, and granddaughter of Judge Ross, of Gallia county. She was born December 2, 1827, and died September 15, 1894, and is buried in the Portsmouth cemetery.

Their children are: Josephine R., wife of F. H. Miller, a dealer in pig iron at Columbus, Ohio; Hortense V., wife of Rev. T. L. Hughes, a Presbyterian minister, now located at Piqua, Ohio; Rachel A., wife of Linn R. Bentley, Portsmouth, Ohio; James Robert, married Annie Horr, living in Portsmouth; Eugene Herbert, married Jennie Locie. Earl Stanton, married Minnie Aultsman.

REV. ERASTUS BURR, D. D., of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut, April 15, 1805. He is a son of Ozias and Elizabeth Nash (*nee* Couch) Burr, and a direct descendant of John Burr, who came from England in Winthrop's fleet in 1630, and founded the American branch of the family. He was one of the first settlers at Fairfield, Connecticut, in 1645. The Burr family is noted for its able men, both from a professional and business standpoint, the most conspicuous of whom was Aaron Burr.

Dr. Burr's parents came to Worthington, Franklin county, Ohio, in 1818. He attended several private schools at Worthington, and in 1820 entered the private academy of Bishop Scott, one of the best classical schools in the West. Here he had as a classmate S. P. Chase, afterward chief justice. Dr. Burr passed two years at Kenyon College, and finished his classical education at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut, where he graduated in 1830.

Our subject now determined to fit himself for the ministry, and the next three years were given up to the study of theology. He was ordained a Deacon in the Protestant Episcopal Church, January 6, 1833, by the Right Reverend B. B. Smith, of Lexington, Kentucky, being the first minister ordained by Bishop Smith in his episcopate. He immediately received a call from St. John's Church, of Worthington, Ohio, and officiated in that parish for the next five years. He then came to All Saints' Church, at Portsmouth, Ohio, and officiated there

for the next thirty-five years, and resigned only on account of ill health. He continued to live quietly among his friends until his death, December 15, 1891.

Dr. Burr represented his diocese in the general convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church continuously from 1841 to 1880. He served as one of the city school examiners during his entire life in Portsmouth. Dr. Burr was ordained to the priesthood by Bishop McIlvaine, of Cincinnati, August 29, 1834. The ordination occurred at St. John's Church, Worthington, Ohio, where he had been called, as stated above. He was the first student of Kenyon College, and later served as a trustee of it for over fifty years. He has served as Grand Chaplain and Grand Orator in the Grand Lodge of Masons of Ohio.

He was married at Worthington, Ohio, February 7, 1833, to Harriet Griswold, daughter of Ezra Griswold. Their children are: Ann Howard, died when twenty years old; Charles McIlvaine, living at Worthington; George Griswold, died at seven years; Elizabeth Nash, married Prof. T. J. Cochran, and now living in Portsmouth.

AARON KINNEY, one of the first settlers of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born at Reading, Pennsylvania, October, 1774. Peter Kinney, his father, was a Captain in the Revolutionary war.

In 1805, our subject crossed the Alleghany mountains in a wagon, bringing his family with him. He was a tanner by trade, but also farmed extensively. He acquired over 700 acres of land in and around Portsmouth. When he erected his barn the Governor of the State was master of ceremonies. His principal market was New Orleans, and he would make regular trips there on flat-boats with the products of his farm. He was for a time director of the Commercial Bank of Scioto. He married Mary Clingman, daughter of John Clingman, a Revolutionary officer. She was a woman of exceptional traits of character. Her memory was something remarkable, and she could quote chapter after chapter of Scripture. She died August 21, 1849.

They had thirteen children, some of whom are: Elizabeth, married Wilson Gates, of Illinois; Ann Eliza, married David K. Cady, of Cincinnati; Maria, married Charles O. Tracy, of Iowa; Nancy, married Joseph Walker, of Kentucky; Sarah, married John Renshaw, of Portsmouth; Eli; Henry R , and Philander C.

Mr. Aaron Kinney was a Democrat in politics, and was several times elected to offices, but always refused to serve, not caring to become identified with politics. Both he and his wife were pillars of the Episcopal Church.

REV. DYER BURGESS, deceased. In writing a sketch of a person, in order to understand his life fully it is well to begin several generations before he was born.

Dyer Burgess traced his ancestry to Thomas Burgess, who came from England to Salem, Massachusetts, in 1630, but who settled at Sandwich, in Plymouth Colony. This Thomas Burgess is recorded by Dr. Savage as being "a chief man among them." In the church organized at Sandwich in 1638, he was an original member, and he served the town in every office, humble or honorable, from land surveyor to

deputy at the Court of Plymouth. He became a large land-holder, and his patriarchal estate was still held by a lineal descendant in the sixth generation, in 1863. He died February 13, 1685, aged eighty-two years, and his grave was honored by a monumental slab imported from England. Aaron Otis says that this was the first monument set up for any pilgrim of the first generation.

The genealogy of the Burgess family was published in 1865 by the Rev. Ebenezer Burgess, of Dedham, Massachusetts. From this it appears that Thomas Burgess, who came from England, had a third son, Jacob. He married a Miss Nye and had a son, Ebenezer, born October 2, 1673, who married Mary Lombard. Ebenezer had six children, all baptized September 23, 1711. Among them was a son, Samuel, who married Jedidah Gibbs, March 30, 1732, and they had eight children. His wife died March 10, 1732, and he married Deborah Berse, November 7, 1754, and had four children by her. Jabez Burgess, one of the eight children by the first marriage, married Hannah Lathrop, in May, 1754, and removed to Tolland, Connecticut, in 1783. Jabez had nine children, among them a son, Nathaniel, born March 4, 1758, and married Lucretia Scott in 1781. They had six children, one of whom was Dyer Burgess, born December 27, 1784, at Springfield, Vermont, to which place his parents had removed in 1781. Thus it is found that our hero had a long line of fine old Puritan ancesters, with Scripture names, all of whom lived godly lives and died full of years in the hope of the Gospel.

Dyer Burgess completed a scientific course at Dartmouth College and later in life acquired a knowledge of Latin, Greek and medicine, under private instructors and by home study.

At the age of sixteen years he began to preach as a Methodist minister; but, finding his views more in accordance with Congregationalism, he joined that church. He came to Ohio in 1816 and was received in the Miami Presbytery from the Northern Association of Vermont, September 2, 1817. At Piqua he organized a Presbyterian church in the latter part of 1816. The following year it united with Troy to secure his services as a missionary. Presbytery met in Springfield the first Tuesday in September, 1817, and the two churches, Piqua and Troy, wanted the Rev. Dyer Burgess to preach for them, which he agreed to do for six months, at a salary of $100. At the end of the six months the two churches gave him a call as a regular pastor. In his old age the last journey he took was to attend at Piqua the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the church there.

From Piqua he went to the Presbyterian church at West Union, Ohio. He remained at West Union from 1820 to 1829, preaching there seven years of that time; but it seemed that his doctrine was too strong for the people and he ceased to be their pastor. His next charge was at Manchester, Ohio. In 1823 he organized the Auxiliary Bible Society of Adams county, and served as its first corresponding secretary, This society is still in existence. In 1840 he left Adams county and went to Washington county, where he made his home for a long time, preaching at Warren, Belpre and Watertown.

As a preacher, he was clear and pointed in his statements, and at times waxed eloquent He thought and felt so intensely that his expressions in public speaking and

in preaching had a wonderful effect on his hearers. Indeed, he was a man of much more than ordinary intellect. And while he was an excellent preacher, he was not so much noted for his preaching as he was for his bitter opposition to intoxicating liquors, tobacco, slavery and secret societies. He was, in his time and place, the first apostle of personal and social purity. He was one of the originators of the Abolition movement in Ohio, beginning his work in this direction as early as 1817, and being associated with such men as the two Messrs. Dickey, of Tennessee, and others. On the use of alcohol and tobacco, and on the great question of slavery, he was a thinker and worker ahead of his time; but on the subject of secret societies, and especially Masonry, he was a fanatic.

In 1831 he began the publication of a semi-monthly periodical at Cincinnati, Ohio, entitled Infidelity Unmasked, the burden of which was against Masonry, with an occasional anti-slavery article. He edited and issued twenty-four numbers of this paper. It appears from the periodical that in April, 1831, Mr. Burgess secured the Chillicothe Presbytery to declare that it was unlawful and inexpedient to have its members connected with the Masonic fraternity. By his like influence, in October, 1831, the Synod of Connecticut declared that a connection with Masonry was inconsistent with Christianity. His favorite text against secret societies was, "I spake openly to the world, and in secret I said nothing," found in the eighteenth chapter of St. John. He never lost an opportunity to air his opinions on this subject, and on one occasion it came near costing him his life. The following incident occurred late in the thirties:

While traveling on a steamboat from Manchester to Cincinnati, accompanied by his wife, Rev. Burgess began talking upon his favorite themes, Masonry and slavery. There were a number of Masons and slaveholders on board, and so indignant did they become at his invective speech that they threatened to hang him at once, and went so far as to secure a rope for the purpose and suspend it from the pilot house. His wife went upon her knees and begged for his life, and, through her entreaties and those of some friends on board, he was spared. But Mr. Burgess himself asked no quarter or mercy, nor would he apologize or stop his denunciations.

March 19, 1831, Mr. Burgess married Miss Isabella Ellison, daughter of Andrew Ellison. She was a wealthy lady about his own age, and at the time of her marriage was making her home with her brother-in-law, Adam McCormack, in Cincinnati. Directly after his marriage, which entirely revolutionized his finances, he returned to West Union and built the property now known as the Palace Hotel, and immediately took posession of it. From that time on until her death he had no particular charge, but preached when and where he pleased. Their home at the time of its completion was the finest in the county, and they lived in great state and entertained many visitors. Prominent Abolitionists from all over the country were his guests, his home being known far and near as "Anti-Slavery Palace." His wife passed away in West Union, November 3, 1839. By her will she made no provision for Mr. Burgess except to give him two rooms in her house for life, but she had already given him a number of claims which she deemed suitable provision for him. August 31, 1842, he married Mrs. Elizabeth W. Vorhis, widow

of Dr. William M. Vorhis, and daughter of Colonel John Means. She was Mr. Burgess' first love. When they were young his suit was discouraged by her family who thought she ought to do better than to marry a poor minister, and at that time the matter never came to a proposal. Her marriage to Dr. Vorhis, however, was entirely unexpected to Mr. Burgess and struck him like a bolt of lightning out of a clear sky. At a solemn communion season the Sunday following, he preached from the text "Little children, keep yourselves from idols," and he preached with such pathos and depth of feeling that his hearers could not but believe that his idol had been shattered when Miss Means married Dr. Vorhis. Thus, after each had married and lost a companion, they were happily united and enjoyed thirty years of wedded life together. She was born in South Carolina, and died in Ohio in her ninetieth year, her death occurring February 28, 1889, she having survived her husband nearly seventeen years. Her life was that of a noble Christian woman.

Personally, Mr. Burgess was over six feet tall, straight as an Indian, slightly inclined to corpulency, and possed a haughty courage. He had a large head, a high forehead, with heavy arched brows, and a square face, his face having a wonderful amount of determination expressed in it. He was most companionable, and had a great fund of humor in his make-up. He had a happy faculty of clothing his thoughts in appropriate language.

At the semi-centennial of the church at Piqua, in 1867, he contracted a severe sickness which affected his mental faculties, but not his general health. While his memory of recent events was gone, he could repeat whole chapters of the Bible, and page after page of favorite old authors, and his power in prayer was unaffected to the last. Thus, while in the last few years of his life his communications with earth were cut off, his connection with heaven was clear to the last.

Such men should not be forgotten. The record of their good lives should be graven in living characters on the memory of each generation following them, and so long as the record is remembered, our people will be advised to seek the right and try to follow it as Dyer Burgess did in his eighty-eight years.—N. W. E.

ELISHA BARTON GREEN, now deceased, iron master of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born at Hillsboro, New Hampshire, December 7, 1814, his parents being E. B. and Lydia (*née* McLaughlin) Green. Mr. Green, Sr., resided for a time in Vermont, where he was a member of the Legislature. In 1815 he removed to Lawrence county, Ohio, where he engaged in the lumber and boat-building business. Previous to this he served in the war of 1812, and at the battle of Chrysler's Farm was wounded in the right leg. He never recovered from this wound, and in his declining years it gave him much annoyance. He was an active politician of the old line Whig party, and was elected Associate Judge by that party. Our subject is the third son in a family of ten children. His early life was spent at saw-mill and farm work. In 1834 he became associated with his brother-in-law, Benjamin Johnson, in merchandising in Lawrence county. Later he followed steamboating on the Ohio for three years with his brother, David Green.

In 1849, together with John Campbell and others, he took an interest in the iron business at Keystone Furnace, and his connection with this furnace continued for more than twenty-four years. In 1857, in partnership with John Campbell, Colonel M. Churchill, and others, he founded the Ohio Iron Company, at Zanesville, Ohio. In 1866 General S. Thomas, S. Churchill, and Charles W Green (son of our subject), became associated with him and this partnership continued up to the death of our subject. Mr. Green, together with his two sons, E. B. and Cyrus D. Green, and his brother-in-law, S. Churchill, built the Winona Furnace, in Hocking county, and operated it up to the time of his death. He was also interested in the Scioto Starr Fire Brick Works, at Sciotoville, Ohio.

Mr. Green became a permanent resident of Portsmouth in 1854. He was married December 27, 1838, to Elizabeth B. Churchill. Their children are: Charles W.; F. C. Green; Cyrus D.; E. B. Green, Jr.; Mary E. (Gist); and three dead.

In politics Mr. Green was a Republican. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, and a strong advocate of temperance.

THE CONNELL FAMILY OF ADAMS COUNTY.—The Connell family of Adams county, is of English ancestry. Zachariah Connell came to America at an early day and settled in South Carlonia, where for a number of years he was an extensive slave-holder. He was also an adherent of the Church of England. From that State he removed to Fayette county, Pennsylvania, bought a large tract of land and laid out the city of Connellsville, which still bears his name. He reared a family of eight children, the eldest of whom was John R., from whom the Adams county Connells are descended.

John R. Connell was born in 1767. He, with two sisters and a brother, came to Ohio about the year 1794. The brother, Hiram, settled in Highland county, and has decendants now living there. One sister, Nancy, became the wife of the late Abram Hollingsworth, long a citizen of West Union, and universally known for his excellent qualites of mind and heart. Their daughter, Miss Caroline Hollingsworth, resides in West Union. Another daughter was the wife of the late Judge Thomas Lockhart.

John R. Connell, when a young man, married Sarah Mehaffey, who also was born in Fayette county, Pennsylvania, she being his junior by two years. As stated, they came to Adams county about the year 1794, and settled on the East fork of Eagle creek, two miles north of Bentonville, where they resided until their deaths. They had a family of sixteen children—ten boys and six girls—among them three pairs of twins. Of this large family the eldest was Rebecca, born in 1792. She married Andrew Smith of Lynchburg, Highland county, and died there some years since, at the age of ninety-three. The second of the family was Moses, born in 1793. He married Nancy McCohn, and lived most of his life three miles east of Bentonville, on a farm, and later in the Toll Gate property adjoining West Union. They had two children, viz: Eliza and Sarah. The former married James Dunseth and the latter his brother, Robert Dunseth, and resided in the West. Moses Connell's second wife was Sarah Shinn. In his old age he was stricken with paralysis and was

helpless for several years prior to his death. After the death of his second wife he went to live with daughters in Illinois, where he shortly afterward died.

The third child of John R. Connell was Zachariah, born in 1794. At an early age he entered the Methodist ministry, and became one of the most celebrated preachers of his time. The Ohio Conference, to which he belonged, at an early day embraced West Virginia, and he traveled thousands of miles on horseback, through a comparative wilderness, as a "circuit rider." He was devoted to the ministry constantly for forty-six years, twenty-four of which he was Presiding Elder. He was also prominent in Masonic and Odd Fellow circles, having been Grand Chaplain of Ohio Grand Lodge A. F. and A. M. for a number of years, and up to the time of his death. He died in Chillicothe, Ohio, in 1861, and a monument, erected by the ministers of the Ohio Conference and the Masonic fraternity, marks his grave in the Methodist cemetery, Cincinnati.

Jenny and Polly Connell,—twins,—were the next in the family, and were born in 1796. The former married Jacob Swisher, of Decatur, Brown county, and the latter Benjamin Bristol, with whom she moved to Indiana. Neither has descendants in Adams county.

William Connell, the sixth child, was born in 1798. He married Rachel Douglass and lived to a ripe old age on his farm one mile south of Winchester. They had four sons and two daughters, viz.: Joseph, John R., Douglass, William T., Sarah and Eliza. All four of the sons were through the war, and all are living except Captain John R., who died some years since in Winchester. Joseph and Douglass have for some years been residents of Missouri, while William T. and family live near Pomeroy. Sarah, the elder daughter, married the late Andrew Bruce and still resides near Winchester. Eliza, the younger daughter, is the wife of Joseph Massey, Esq., residing on a farm north of Winchester.

Joseph, the eighth child of John R. Connell, was born in 1802. He worked at wagon-making for a time in West Union, and later went to Cincinnati, and afterward to Louisville, Kentucky, and in these cities was engaged for about twenty years as a steamboat builder. In Louisville he married Eleanor Howard, by whom he had two children, now living,—Rebecca, the present wife of David Pennywitt, of Manchester, and Theodore B., a farmer and stock-raiser of Walnut, Crawford county, Kansas. His wife having died in Louisville, Joseph Connell married Jane Pownall and returned to Adams county in 1847, locating on the old Pownall farm on the Ohio river, two miles below Manchester, where he remained until his death in 1891, at the age of eighty-nine years, having survived his second wife twenty years. They have three children living, towit: G. J. J. Connell, who lives on the old farm below Manchester; Dr. W. R. S. Connell and Miss Hollie H. Connell, both of Manchester. G. J. J. Connell married Miss Jennie White, and they have two boys, Lee and Sherley. Dr. W. R. S. Connell married Miss Mary A. Wilson, who died in 1893.

Of the other children of John R. Connell, born on the old homestead north of Bentonville, Hiram, born in 1800; Stephen, born in 1806, and Silas born in 1807, married and located in Indiana when that State was in its infancy. They became prosperous farmers and have many descendants

there. One sister, Sarah, born in 1809, was the wife of William Lindsay, deceased years ago, of Decatur. Of these sixteen brothers and sisters, some died when comparatively young, and the writer has little definite knowledge of them. Their mother, Sarah Connell, *née* Mehaffey, died in 1826, and a year later John R. Connell married Rachel Wykoff. By her he had two children, thus making eighteen children in the family. Of these last two Esther died young. The other, Mary, born in 1827, is the wife of Rev. Simon Ortman, of New Salem, Ohio. She is the only survivor of this large family. John R. Connell died in 1852, and his second wife in 1866.

Contemporaries of John R. Connell have recorded that he was a man of more than ordinary parts for his time. He believed in great possibilities for his country, and though but a boy at the time, took part in the Revolution, and while past the age limit was a soldier with his eldest son in the war of 1812. Possessing a good education for the day, he for many winters taught the only school for miles around. He was also Justice of the Peace for years, and seems to have had in the highest degree the confidence and esteem of his fellow-men, many having been the differences he was called on to adjudicate, or rather arbitrate. The religious element largely pervaded his nature, but there was nothing boisterous nor ostentatious about it. It was rather that quiet, leavening influence that penetrates and lasts after the emotional and tempestuous are forgotten. His religious convictions seem to have been transmitted to all his children who reached anything like mature life, and the combined periods of service they rendered their favorite church—Methodist—as laymen, official members, class leaders and in the pulpit would amount to hundreds of years. They originally were Whigs, and without exception were Republicans from the organization of that party.

EARLY SETTLERS OF GIFT RIDGE.—General Nathaniel Massie, when he started his colony at Manchester, about the year 1791, promised each of the colonists 100 acres of land and a town lot. Several of these 100-acre tracts were selected on Gift Ridge. As it was gift land, the name was given it from that cause. Massie, in escaping from the Indians at the time of Donaldson's capture, ran along a sharp ridge of land, between the Ohio river and the west fork of Donaldson creek and over what was afterward known as Massie's Station. This was the first time Massie had seen this land. He determined to enter it as a homestead for himself, which he afterward did (survey No. 5,012 of 1,000 acres), and he improved and occupied it for several years, but finding better land on Paint creek, near Chillicothe, he sold out to Judge Bird, his brother-in-law, and Bird sold to John Ellison, Jr. Massie had previously sold 370 acres off the northern part of the survey to John Pennywitt. The Pennywitt tract was divided, 100 acres to Abram F. Myer, who had married one of his daughters. Myer sold to John Ellison, Jr., and moved to Highland county, near Reece's mill, on Rocky fork of Paint creek. The balance of the Pennywitt land was divided between his sons, Reuben and Mark, at his death. The next settler to the east was Tom John. John Pennywitt (big John), Mark Pennywitt, A. F. Myer and Tom John were men of herculean strength. What

they could not lift or carry it was useless for any other four men to try. They were just such men as were needed in those early times for log-rolling, and house and barn raisings, for there was a good deal of such heavy labor to perform, and every one had to be ready to help his neighbor whenever wanted. In one year there were cleared, and the logs rolled into heaps, over ninety acres of land. The settlers were generally very peaceable, but Tom John, mentioned above, was ready at any time to fight anybody, who was "spoiling" for a fight. He had quite a muscular wife. On one occasion a stranger called at their cabin and inquired for Tom John; on being informed that he was not at home and would not be for two, or three days, he replied that he was very sorry for that. Mrs. John inquired his business. He informed her, that he understood, that Mr. John was considered the "bully" in this neighborhood, and that he considered himself the "bully" in Kentucky, where he came from, and that he had come over to measure strength with him. This made Mrs. John quite angry. The stranger was sitting on a chair, leaning back at an open window. Watching her chance, she got up beside him, slipped her right hand under his right knee, grabbed his coat collar with her left hand, and the next moment the man passed out of the window onto his head. He got up, looked around, left and never returned, evidently concluding that if the wife could handle him in that style, he had better let the husband alone.

The next to the east of Tom John's was Zephaniah Wade's. He had married Mary Washburn, perhaps in the old block-house. After Wayne's treaty with the Indians, in 1795, it was comparatively safe to leave the block-house and move out into the country. Zephaniah Wade moved to his land on Gift Ridge November 19, 1795, and on the 29th day of the same month a daughter was born to them. This daughter, Christena, was the first white child born out-side the block-house in Adams county. She married Samuel Trenary, and died recently in Manchester, and some of her children are now living in Manchester.

In selecting their lands there were two 100-acre tracts for Z. Wade and —— Yeokum, and for choice they agreed to shoot at a mark. Wade got the choice. The mark was placed on an oak tree about 100 yards west of where the road up the middle fork of Donaldson's creek joins the Gift Ridge road. This tree was recently cut down and made into rails.

Wade got the 100 acres and also bought 100 acres or more from Massie, paying Massie by assisting him in surveying lands in various parts of Adams, Highland and Ross counties, as chain carrier and marker.

Wade was a man of rather small stature, but a good Indian fighter, and while domiciled in the block-house he made not less than six redskins bite the dust. He had a remarkable memory. As an instance, when he had become quite aged, there was a big lawsuit about a line of a large tract of land west of Brush creek, between Fristoe's and Lick fork. The corner on Brush creek could not be located. Search had been made of every beech tree for 100 yards or more of the place where it was supposed to be, but no marked tree; but in searching the original records at the land office at Chillicothe they found that Wade, who was still living, was one of the surveying party, so they took him near the place and after he had looked about him a short time he walked up to a beech tree and said: "This is the corner; I

marked it myself forty-three or forty-four years ago." They got an ax, took out a block, and sure enough, there were the three hacks. They brought the block to West Union and A. Woodrow sawed it sloping across, planed the end smooth, oiled it, kept it over night, and then they could count the growths; there were forty-three or forty-four growths. This settled the lawsuit.

Among the other early settlers on this Ridge were David Lovejoy, James Naylor, — Yeokum, John McColm, Lewis Bible, John Leach and Robert Hastings, an Irishman from Kentucky. Hastings sold out to James Pixley and Bible sold to some Germans named Rothwells, and both moved out to the Wabash country and each lived to be over 100 years of age. Then there was Faulkner at the mouth of Brush creek, Daniel Carr, Stephen Beach and Joseph McKee further up the creek; the Bowmans, Andersons and Loughridges on Island creek, and James Moore and —— Chipps on Moore's run. Moore came from Ireland, was in the Revolutionary war, but was on the wrong side; he, however, remained here and settled on Moore's run, which was named for him. Moore, being a man fairly well educated, was elected Justice of the Peace and held the place for eighteen years in succession. Any of the forenamed men, with one or two exceptions, if now living, would be prominent among the citizens of Adams county. It is needless to say that they all reared large families. The families usually numbered from six or eight to fifteen or eighteen children. Mrs. Zephaniah Wade had fifteen children; Charles Stevenson, eleven; McColm ten or eleven; Robert Ellison, ten; M. Pennywitt, seven; and Mrs. David Drenan, a daughter of John Barrett, nineteen; etc.

The first public school on the Ridge was taught by James Smith in 1826; the second by John Williams in 1827 and 1828. In Williams' school there were twenty-nine scholars from four families, towit: nine from Wade's, six from Stevenson's, seven from Pennywitt's, and seven from Robert Ellison's. He had about seventy scholars all told. The school-house was located near the west end of the ridge, at the forks of the road near where Quinn Chapel now stands, and was furnished with the usual accommodations of the school-houses in those early days, towit: Seats made of slabs or split saplings, and writing-boards resting on pins driven into holes in the walls, and warmed by an old-fashioned ten-plate cooking-stove, assisted by the animal heat of the scholars. The books consisted of a primer, United States spelling book, and a Testament; some of the best readers had a Bible or the old English reader, and the branches taught were spelling, reading, writing and ciphering. If a teacher could make a good goose-quill pen, write a good, coarse, round hand, and cipher through the "Rule of Three," he was considered well qualified. Monroe township was at first (1826) divided into three districts. The first district school-house was located on the Hastings farm, on the southeastern point of Gift Ridge; the second on the Pennywitt farm, and the third on Beasley's fork.

Meetings were held at private houses. James Quinn was the first Methodist to preach on the ridge, and among the earlier ministers were the Rev. Robert O. Spencer and James Laws, Methodists, and Williamson and Burgess (see sketches elsewhere), Presbyterians. The first church or meeting-house was built on the Naylor farm in 1835. It was of sawed logs, and was about 18x20

feet, and cost $137.50. There was another meeting-house erected a short time previous, opposite Concord, Kentucky, on the Drenan farm, which was 20x24 feet, and cost $150; both were Methodist.

It is a singular fact, that of all the early settlers of Gift Ridge, not one of their descendants is there now, except some of Lovejoy's grandchildren (Reeds), who occupy a part of the Naylor farm. The soil is gone, and the intelligence is gone also. Their descendants are scattered from Washington city to Washington State, and from Chicago to New Orleans, in every State and Territory.

D. PENNYWITT.

JOHN PEASE TERRY, late of Portsmouth, was born in Coos county, New Hampshire, February 16, 1807. His father, Charles Terry, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, November 14, 1744, and died there May 19, 1815. He married Hulda, daughter of Ebenezer and Hulda (Pease) Pease, of Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Terry was born in Hartford, Connecticut, January 9, 1772. The children of Charles and Hulda (Pease) Terry were Charles, born September 25, 1792; Horace, born November 11, 1794; Hulda, December 7, 1796; Henry, Harriet, married Horace Perkins, and resided at Port Byron, New York; Esther, married a Mr. Lake, and lived in Ontario county, New York; John P. (subject of sketch); George, married Sarah Jenkins, and lived at Winamac, Indiana.

Samuel Terry, father of Charles, and grandfather of our subject, was born April 28, 1703, and died about 1759. He was married January 30, 1734, in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Sarah, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Bridgman) Chapin, who was a native of Springfield, born February 18, 1707, and died January 25, 1773. Their children were Samuel, a shoemaker, born April 20, 1736, died April 1, 1802; Eli, born February 26, 1737, died at Locke, New York, in 1816; he married Elizabeth Olds, of Locke, New York, who died in 1818; Sarah, born August 18, 1739; married Thomas Fairfield, of South Hadley, Massachusetts, May 3, 1759; Charles, Mary, born February 27, 1745, died November 4, 1804. She married, August 20, 1767, Preserved White, Jr., who was born November 25, 1743, and died June 8, 1823. They lived in Springfield.

Thomas Terry, great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Springfield, Massachusetts, March 6, 1664, and lived to be over eighty years old. His first marriage occurred at Springfield, Massachusetts, April 21, 1687, to Mary, daughter of Benjamin and Sarah Cooley. She was born June 29, 1659, and died December 16, 1720. Their children were: Mary, married John Lombard; Ann, married Joseph Younglove; Bethia, married Henry Burt; Thomas, married Martha Miller; Rebecca, married John Brooks; and Samuel.

Samuel Terry, the immigrant, was the father of Thomas, and the founder of the American branch of the family. He was born about the year 1633, in Barnet, England, which is eleven miles from London. The Hon William Pynchon, of Springfield, Massachusetts, visited England in the early part of 1650, and there received as an apprentice the boy Samuel Terry, and brought him to New England. On the arrival in Massachusetts of Mr. Pynchon, he became involved with the Colonial authorities on account of his theological views, and for

this reason left the country the next year. Young Terry was then (October 15, 1650) apprenticed to Benjamin Cooley, a weaver, of Springfield, Massachusetts. January 3, 1660, he married Ann Lobdell. She died in May, 1684. November 19, 1690, he married Sarah, widow of John Scott, and daughter of Thomas and Margaret Bliss. There were no children by this marriage. The children of Samuel and Ann (Lobdell) Terry were: Samuel, first married Hannah Morgan, and second, Margaret, widow of Benjamin Crane, Jr.; Ephraim, who was "drowned in ye great river at ye wharf," at Springfield, Massachusetts, when but seven years old; Thomas; Mary married Jeremiah Horton, Jr.; Rebecca; an infant daughter; Ephraim, married Hannah Eggleston; Rebecca, named for deceased sister, married Alex Wright; Elizabeth; and Ann, who married John Bliss.

The European ancestry of our subject may be traced to John Terry, of England, who lived in the first half of the seventeenth century. Charles Terry, father of our subject, moved from Connecticut to New Hampshire, where he resided for three years. He then took his family to Oneida county, New York, where he remained for one year, and then removed to Ontario, now Wayne county, and purchased a farm in the wilderness. Assisted by his growing sons he cleared this tract. He died in 1814 from the effect of a gunshot wound received at the battle of Sodus Point, on Lake Ontario, having served two years as a soldier in the war of 1812.

Shortly after his father's death the subject of this sketch was bound out to a farmer, and remained with him until nineteen years old. He then determined to go West, and with a single dollar in his pocket, given him by his mother, he started down the Genesee river, walking a distance of forty miles to its mouth. He then proceeded by boat to the mouth of the Niagara river, and having spent the last penny of the dollar, he stopped and cut wood for a time in order to get some cash. He next proceeded to Buffalo, where he worked for a month as attendant on a brick-mason and received ten dollars for his services, half in cash and half in dry-goods. He here took passage in a sailing vessel for Cleveland, and the vessel having a storm to weather was just a week in making the trip. From Cleveland he proceeded on foot to Akron, where he was employed for six months as clerk in a dry-goods store. In 1825 he worked for his brother-in-law, William Lake, at Newburg, Ohio, who was engaged in the manufacture of fanning mills. In 1828 he began work with the engineering corps on the Ohio canal, and later became assistant engineer. He was thus employed for four years. He did some contract work on the Cincinnati and Harrison turnpike during this time.

Our subject had now acquired a small capital, and in 1832 purchased an interest in the Clinton furnace, of Scioto county. Unfortunately he had indorsed heavily for friends who failed in their business ventures, and in 1834 Mr. Terry was obliged to dispose of all his property to meet these indorsements. The next few years were given to contract work in Ohio and Indiana, and in 1837 he opened a wholesale boot and shoe establishment at Portsmouth, Ohio, which he conducted for four years, and then for two years was engaged in running flatboats to New Orleans, carrying the products of the country. About this time he purchased considerable agricultural land near

Portsmouth and farmed it; later he added a milling business to this. In 1853 he built the Madison furnace, in Jackson county, and was its active manager until 1864. He purchased the Buckeye furnace in 1866 and two years later sold it. He had business interests in Pettis county, Missouri, and managed the building of a furnace in Washington county, Missouri. He was prominently identified with the business affairs of Portsmouth from 1874 to the time of his death. He was a large stockholder in the First National Bank, and for a time acted as its president. He served as director in the Portsmouth Iron and Steel Works until June 1, 1881, when he was made president and general superintendent. Mr. Terry was married November 14, 1832, to Susan Waller, daughter of Dr. Thomas Waller (see sketch elsewhere). Of the children, Charles was born November 30, 1839; he married Josephine Johnley, of Scioto. Thomas Waller was born February 9, 1841. He was taking a course at West Point when the war broke out. He left school and became a member of the staff of General S. S. Fry, and at Camp Burnsides, Kentucky, died March 3, 1864, having contracted typhoid fever. George was born March 10, 1846. During the war he was a member of the Union Light Guards, whose duty it was to act as a body guard for the president. At the death of President Lincoln he was appointed Orderly on the staff of General Augur, and is now located in the town of Blaine, Washington; he was married in March, 1888, to Miss Flora Tice, of Cincinnati. Lewis W. was born September 16, 1843. He attended Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio, for a short time. In 1861 he enlisted in Company A, Thirty-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry and served through the entire war. After the war he was engaged in the furnace business for a time, later became cashier of the First National Bank, a position which he still fills. He was married December 17, 1866, to Miss Phoebe Tillow, daughter of John and Elizabeth (*nèe* Williamson) Tillow. Of the daughters, Alice Bancroft was born April 16, 1852, and died November 25, 1890. Mary Indiana, the oldest child, was born February 4, 1837, and is living with her mother at the old home in Portsmouth.

John Pease Terry died May 18, 1886, and is buried in the Portsmouth cemetery. He was a man of fair business success, and public spirited in a marked degree. Politically he was a straight, uncompromising Republican. During the war he was appointed a member of the Military Committee for the Eleventh District, by Governor Dennison. He was intensely patriotic, and, as will be seen above, sent three sons to the war. His credit has always remained unimpaired, and thus he was enabled to get a start in life again when every dollar was taken to pay surety money. The early struggles of the fatherless boy only fitted the man for the encounters of life. He was a fine specimen of the self-made man, and may be pointed to with pride by a loving relationship and an admiring posterity.

WILLIAM STEWART FOSTER, attorney, Manchester, Ohio, was born in what is reputed to be the oldest house in Adams county, Ohio, located at Buckeye Station, Gift Ridge, October 19, 1868. His grandfather, Nathaniel Foster, was a millwright by trade, and was born in Adams county. His children were: Sarah, who married David

Black; Jorden L.; John H.; Nathaniel Watson; Elizabeth, who married Dr. William B. Graham; Massie Ann, who married Clinton Grimes; Joseph Trimble; Verlinda, who married Henry J. Kimble; Jedediah; and Charles Wilson, father of our subject. All of these children are living except Elizabeth.

Our subject's great-grandfather was also Nathaniel Foster, and he was born on Rush creek, Adams county. He was married twice, the children of the first wife being, Isaac, Asa, Samuel and Nathaniel; the children by the second wife were Jedediah, and Nathan. There were some girls, names not now remembered.

Charles Wilson Foster, father of our subject, was born on his father's farm, two miles north of Manchester, January 13, 1839, his parents being Nathaniel and Martha (*nèe* Hayslip) Foster. He remained at home until the breaking out of the war. October 16, 1861, he enlisted in Company G, Seventieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, the company being commanded by his brother, Nathaniel Foster. He was discharged for the purpose of re-enlisting, January 4, 1864. He entered the ranks as a private, and was gradually promoted until he finally became Captain of Company G, which office he filled at the close of the war. Under his first enlistment he was first made Seventh Corporal, then Duty Sergeant, and finally, January 25, 1863, at La Grange, Tennessee, was made First Sergeant. On his re-enlistment at Scottsboro, Alabama, he retained the office of First Sergeant, and October 18, 1864, at Little River, Alabama, he was promoted to a Lieutenacy, and January 24, 1864, at Beaufort, South Carolina, was made Captain, as stated above. Mr. Foster went through the entire war with his regiment, and saw much hard fighting. The points, however, at which he saw the hardest work, were first battle of Shiloh, Corinth, Vicksburg, and with Sherman on his march to the sea. Mr. Foster was mustered out of the service at Little Rock, Arkansas, August 14, 1865, and discharged at Camp Dennison, Ohio, shortly after.

He immediately returned to Adams county, and began farming on rented land. In 1867, he bought 160 acres at Buckeye Station, on Gift Ridge, of David Sinton (see sketch elsewhere). He lived on this farm for nine years. He then rented it, and opened a general merchandise store at Soldier's Run, located on Bush creek, which he conducted for two years. His next move was to Wrightsville, on the Ohio river where he merchandized until he moved to Manchester, Ohio, in October, 1883, and has made his home there since. He was married November 21, 1867, to Laura Jane, daughter of William K. and Harriet (*nèe* Fisher) Stewart, They have but two children, William Stewart, the subject of this sketch; and Charles Damarin, born October 20, 1877, and at present living at home with his parents. Mr. Foster is a member of the Masonic Order.

The subject of this sketch, William Stewart Foster, clerked in his father's store till 1888. Prior to this for two years he had read law under the direction of D. B. Phillips. In 1888 he stood the examination for the senior class at the Law School of the Cincinnati College, and in nine months graduated and received the degree of LL. B. He was not given a certificate to practice, however, being under age. October 21, 1889, he stood examination at Columbus, Ohio, and was admitted to practice be-

fore all the courts of this State. He came immediately to Manchester and opened an office. In April, 1891, he formed a partnership with Mr. Phillips, his old preceptor, and has been associated with him since. In the fall of 1891, Mr. Phillips, then Mayor of the town, was elected to the State Senate, and our subject served the unexpired mayoralty term. In 1890 he was the candidate for District Attorney of the Republican party, but was defeated by the present incumbent, C. F. Wikoff, the county being strongly Democratic. In 1894 he was elected Solicitor of the town, his term of office expiring in 1896.

Mr. Foster was married December 4, 1892, to Miss Grace, daughter of James P. and Julia (*née* Vaughn) Hundley.

He is a member of the Sons of Veterans, and Improved Order of Red Men.

BYRON MURPHY, broker, of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born on his father's farm south of New Market, January 9, 1837, and died in Hillsborough, May 18, 1894.

Mr. Murphy descends from the best pioneer stock, on both the paternal and the maternal sides. His grandfather, Hercules Murphy, was a native of county Antrim, Ireland. He was in the British naval service, and during that service passed through a plague, in which all died except six. These six were later discharged from further service, and Mr. Murphy came to America. His service under the British flag covered a period of six years. Soon after his arrival in America he married Miss Catharine McCloud, a native of Glasgow, Scotland. They first located near Carlisle, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Manchester, Ohio, where their son Samuel, father of our subject, was born.

On the maternal side, Mr. Murphy's grandfather was John Eakins, who was born in county Tyrone, Ireland, April 3, 1777, and came to America in September, 1800. In 1802 he emigrated further west, ward, to Danville, Ohio, where he died July 25, 1838.

Samuel Murphy was born at Manchester, Ohio, December 9, 1800, and died at the old Murphy homestead, a short distance south of New Market, December 27, 1883. Mr. Murphy located on this farm in 1826, and built himself a small frame house. It was in this house that all his children were born except the two youngest. In 1846 he built a brick residence. On the night of July 17, 1855, at 11 o'clock, this house took fire from a defective flue and burned to the ground. Immediately he rebuilt on a much more extensive scale, and the fine residence then erected still stands. In those early days it was a case of pioneering in the true sense of the word. Mr. Murphy's principal market was at Ripley, Brown county, Ohio. There he sold wheat all the way from 31 cents per bushel up to $2.80. Corn he at one time sold as low as 12½ cents per bushel. Mr. Murphy was a tanner by trade, and conducted a small tanning business up to 1846. He was also half owner in a store with his brother, D. H. Murphy, until 1834. He bought a great deal of land and always paid cash for whatever he bought. Religiously, he was a strict member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and in those early days his home was the headquarters for the ministers, religious gatherings, etc.

The mother of our subject was Miss Re-

Byron Murphy.

becca Saint Clair Eakins before her marriage, her parents being John and Nancy Eakins. She was born October 7, 1810, near Danville, Highland county, Ohio. Her grandfather, Joseph Eakins, was born in Ireland; emigrated to Ohio at an early day; died in Highland county, Ohio, in 1814. Joseph Eakins' wife, *nee* Rebecca St. Clair, died in Highland county in 1821. Mrs. Murphy's maternal grandfather, Oliver Ross, was a native of Ireland, emigrating to America in 1796, and shortly afterward to Ohio. He was said to have been the first white man to locate in Highland county. His wife was Elenor Saint Clair, daughter of James Saint Clair.

Samuel Murphy and his wife were married in 1828. Following are the names of their children: John Saint Clair, a brilliant lawyer, deceased; James Hercules, merchant, deceased; DeWitt Clinton, a wealthy farmer, of Benton county, Missouri; Andrew McClain, deceased; Byron, whose name heads this article; Nancy Mary, who resides with her mother in Hillsborough; Affie Louisa, wife of Macomb Chaney, a farmer of Highland county; Casper Willis, stock-dealer, deceased; Frances Catharine, wife of George Hulse, deceased, leaving one child, Fannie Murphy, who graduated at the age of seventeen at the Hillsborough Female College, class of 1884, now the wife of Frank E. Nevin, a prominent real-estate dealer of Connersville, Indiana; Olive Jane, deceased; and Eliza Josephine, wife of John G. Cochran, a farmer.

Byron Murphy, subject of this mention, was stricken down in the prime of vigorous manhood. He was one of the most prominent and respected citizens of Highland county, and his death sent a pang of sincere sorrow to many a friendly heart. At the age of seventeen he secured a license and taught his first school. For several years he continued the profession of teaching and then attended the school at Athens, this State, then known as the State University of Ohio, for about two years. It was his ambition to become a first-class attorney, and he diligently pursued the study of law until his health failed, when he was obliged to give it over. After quitting school, he returned home and assumed the management of his father's business, which he continued until the death of his father in 1883.

His life was an active one in the interval between his school-days and his father's death. He was constantly engaged in farming, stock-dealing and surveying, and for many years prior to his death conducted a private banking business, and as such was one of the best-known moneyed men of this and adjoining counties. In this business he was noted for his accurate and careful dealings, and his many patrons had unqualified confidence in his honor, and depended implicitly on his word.

In 1888, he, together with his mother and sister, moved from the home of his birth to Hillsborough. The past few years of his life he was not in active business, since time and a busy life had made inroads on his constitution. Quietly he spent the remaining days of his life in the company of his aged mother and devoted sister, together with his deceased brother's wife and his little niece and nephew. While an active member of no denomination, he had a strong leaning toward the religion of his parents—Methodism. His mother is one of the few now remaining pioneer Methodists in this part of the State.

His preference was to live, on account of the two orphan children of his deceased

brother, placed in his charge to rear and protect. For these two children he always evinced a remarkable affection, and over their lives and welfare he watched with jealous care, and seemed, particularly in his latter days, to be living almost exclusively for their good.

Never a spendthrift, his givings to charity and his assistance to the poor and unfortunate, though unheralded to the world, were constant and continuous during his whole career. He never took pains to obtain credit for charitable acts, but, on the contrary, enjoyed the quiet apppreciation of those on whom he bestowed much needed favors.

A dutiful son, a devoted brother and a kind neighbor, his life may well be considered that of an upright, active and useful citizen, the like of whom the community will not see again for a long time.

ROBERT HAMILTON ELLISON, farmer, Manchester, Ohio, was born in that town, April 21, 1845, his parents being William and Mary Keys (*née* Ellison) Ellison. Our subject is a member of one of the oldest and most important families in the State of Ohio. Below is given a short genealogical record of the Ellison family, which is as accurate and complete as can be obtained at this day.

John Ellison, who will be known in this sketch as "the emigrant," was preceded to this country by his four sons, who shortly after brought him over from Ireland, and the family located in Adams county, Ohio. John Ellison is the paternal great-grandfather, and the maternal great-great-grandfather of our subject. He was a linen merchant in the old country. He died February 8, 1806, aged seventy-six years, and is buried at the Nixon graveyard, Adams county, Ohio. At the time of his death he lived on Ellison's Ridge, Adams county.

The children of John Ellison, the emigrant, were: Andrew, John, Robert, James, and Margaret.

Andrew, the oldest son of John Ellison, the emigrant, and maternal great-grandfather of our subject, was born in Ireland in 1755. When he came to Adams county, instead of remaining on the river front, he went back into the woods to higher ground, and built a stone house on the Lick fork of Bush creek, now on the Jacksonville and West Union pike, six miles north of West Union. This house is still standing, and is of great historic interest. He was a man of large ideas, and was one of the most extensive dealers in land in the State. He was married in Ireland to Mary McFarland, and on her death was married to Nancy Leedom. The children of Andrew and Mary (McFarland) Ellison are: John, Jr., Andrew, Isabella, Margaret and Sarah.

John Ellison, Jr., son of Andrew, son of John, the emigrant, and maternal grandfather of our subject, died April 10, 1829. He married Ann Barr, February 16, 1808. Their children are: Andrew Barr, who was a merchant in early life, and then engaged in the iron business at Ironton. He later returned to Manchester, and was conducting a dry-goods store there till within a few years of his death. He married Rachel A. H. Enness, who was born December 19, 1808, and bore him the following children: Ann, Eliza, Susan Barr, and Rachel.

Sarah married Thomas W. Means, a prominent iron man of Ironton, Ohio. Their children are: John, Mary Ann, William, Isabella, Esther, Thomas, Jane and

Margaret. For sketch of the Hon. T. W. Means, see elsewhere in this work.

Mary Keys, mother of our subject. See later in sketch.

Ann was born October 29, 1813, and died March 10, 1833. She never married.

Esther was born April 16, 1817, and died July 23, 1851. She married Hugh Means, and their children are: John Ellison, Anna Barr, and Hugh. Mr. Means was engaged in the iron business at Ironton until the founding of the town of Ashland, Kentucky; he then became president of the Ashland Bank, now known as the Ashland National Bank. On the death of his first wife he married Amanda Wilson, who still survives him and lives at Ashland.

William Barr was born May 25, 1819. In early life he merchandized in Manchester. In 1849 he visited California, and followed the mines until his death, which occurred in Boise City, Idaho.

John was born March 24, 1821, and died April 5, 1872. His first wife, Helena Baldwin, bore him two children: Andrew and John Preston. By his second wife, Caroline Baldwin, a sister of his first wife, he had three children: Helena; Esther, who married a Mr. Alexander; and Luvica Baldwin. Mr. John Ellison was a man of splendid business ability. He began life as a partner with his brother, A. B. Ellison, in a mercantile business at Manchester. In 1856 he started a private bank under the name of John Ellison, and conducted it till 1866, when the banking firm of J. Ellison & Company was established, Peter Shiras and R. H. Ellison, subject of this sketch, forming the company part of the concern. In 1872 he organized the Manchester National Bank, but died before it began active operations.

Samuel Barr was born June 29, 1824, and died March 10, 1827. Jane was born August 14, 1826, and died May 28, 1853. She married David Sinton (see sketch elsewhere), capitalist of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Margaret Amelia was born February 23, 1829. She married Robert A. Lampton, and their children are Anna Barr, Andrew, Hugh, John and Sarah. Mrs. Lampton is now living at Ashland, Kentucky, her husband having deceased several years ago. He was engaged in the iron business, and during the latter part of his life was Postmaster of Ashland.

Andrew, the second child of Andrew Ellison, and grandson of John Ellison, the emigrant, married Jane Patterson. Their children were Mary Jane, who married Henry Hannah; Andrew, who married Patty Smead, of Louisville, Kentucky; John Arthur, who married Elizabeth Blake; Narcissus and Archibald.

Isabella, the third child of Andrew and granddaughter of John Ellison, the emigrant, married the Rev. Dyer Burgess (see sketch elsewhere.) She died November 3, 1839, aged fifty-four years. Margaret, the fourth, married Thomas Huston. There were no children. Sarah, the youngest child of Andrew, son of John Ellison, the emigrant, married Adam McCormick.

John Ellison, second child of the emigrant, John Ellison, and a paternal grandfather of our subject, died February 21, 1826, aged seventy-four years. On coming to Adams county, Ohio, he located at Manchester. He was a heavy dealer in land. His wife, Mary Bratton, was born in Ireland September 28, 1767, and died at Manchester in 1867, just about 100 years old. They were married in Ireland, and their children were Mary, James, William, Eliza-

beth, David, Margaret, Nancy Ann and Robert Bratton. Eight other children died in infancy.

Mary died June 13, 1842, aged fifty-two years. She married John Clark, a Kentucky merchant, who later died in Louisiana. Their children were James, John, Elizabeth and Mary. James spent the greater portion of his life farming in Adams county. His wife, Mary B. Williamson, was related to "Missionary" Williamson. She died April 11, 1835, aged forty-four years. After his wife's death, Mr. Ellison made his home with his children in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he died. William, father of our subject, will be mentioned later in sketch. Elizabeth was born September 11, 1800, and died May 4, 1864. She married James Kirker.

David died July 10, 1831. He married Lucinda Livingston, and was engaged in the commission business with his brother, William, at Manchester, for the greater part of his life.

Margaret died February 20, 1826, aged thirty-three years. She was unmarried and lived in Manchester all her life.

Nancy Ann married Robert Hamilton, one of the most prominent iron men in the State, and made her home in Lawrence county. She bore him two children, Margaret and Robert.

Robert Bratton died September 4, 1833, aged twenty-four years. He was a lawyer by profession.

Robert Ellison, the third child of the emigrant, John Ellison, was born about the year 1759. He married Rebecca Lockhart, and their children were: John, an iron dealer of Ironton, Ohio; he never married; Margaret, never married; Cyrus, married twice, now living at Ironton; Moses, Thomas and Robert, all married, but their families are not known; Elizabeth was the second wife of Thomas Huston; Catharine married a Mr. Newell, of Maysville, Kentucky; Mary was the first, and Isabella was the second, wife of James Hood.

James Ellison, fourth child of the emigrant, John Ellison, was born in 1761. His children were: George, James, Isabella and John. George, the eldest child, never married.

James, the second child, married Mary Stewart, and their children were: Stewart, married a Miss Blake, their children being Thomas and Fanny (married a Mr. Mason); Andrew, married Harriet Collier, their children being Elizabeth (McAdow), Mary (Hoop), Margaret (Jones), Harriet (Sproud), Alice (Davis), Laura (Eals); Andrew, married Mrs. Jones; James, married Miss Treber; Thomas, married Miss Moor; Luther, married Miss Blake; and William, married Miss Cochran.

John reared a family as follows: James F., married Miss Graham; Daniel, married Miss McNeelan; Catharine, married Mr. Garrick; Jane, married John Higgins; Angeline, married Mr. Byron, and Margaret married John Vaughn.

James had four children, as follows: John, William, Lydia and Ann.

Arthur had no children

Thomas reared a family of five children, as follows: Arthur, Jane (Boutman), Annie (Bradbury), Matilda; and Thomas W., married Miss Kirker.

David married Miss Mahaffy, who bore him the following children: Ann (Mahaffy); David Steward, who married a Miss Smally; John, and others not remembered.

Isabella, only daughter and third child of James Ellison, and granddaughter of the

emigrant, John Ellison, married a Mr. Ralston. Nothing is known of her family further.

John Ellison, the third son, and fourth and youngest child of James Ellison, and grandson of the emigrant, John Ellison, married a Miss Boyles. Nothing further is known of his immediate family.

Margaret Ellison, the youngest child and only daughter of John Ellison, the emigrant, married John Clark. She bore her husband thirteen children, the oldest, John Clark, being the first white child born in Adams county, Ohio.

William Ellison, father of our subject, was born in Manchester, Ohio, June 19, 1796, and died November 1, 1865, and is buried in the Manchester cemetery. As mentioned above, he was associated with his brother David in the shipping business at Manchester up to the time of his brother's death. He then closed out the business and went to Lawrence county as manager of the Mount Vernon Furnace which was built by the firm of Campbell, Ellison & Company, of which he was a member. He returned to Manchester in 1835, still retaining his interest in the furnace, however, and from this time till his death was practically retired from business Mr. William Ellison's first wife was Miss Mary Patton, a native of Ross county, Ohio. She died November 7, 1828, aged thirty-one years. Her only child, Samuel Patton, died September 7, 1828, aged seven months and nineteen days. His second wife, Mary Keys Ellison, was the daughter of John, Jr. and Ann (*nee* Barr) Ellison, a relative, although distantly removed, her paternal grandfather, Andrew Ellison, being a brother of her husband's father.

Mary Keys Ellison was born January 25, 1812, and died May 14, 1888. She was married June 19, 1833, and bore her husband the following children: Mary Ann, born August 11, 1834, married December 30, 1851, the Rev. D. M. Moore, a Presbyterian minister, who is pastor of a congregation at Hutchinson, Kansas. Her children are Mary Emeline, born January 1, 1853, married Eugene L. Meyer; William Ellison, born September 19, 1854, married Harriet Peasley; Edward Monteith, born April 27, 1861; Anna Belle, died in infancy; Margaret, born September 28, 1837, died November 25, 1850; Isabella, born April 11, 1839, died August 21, 1847; Sarah Jane, born March 30, 1843. She married A. Means, manager of the Illinois Zinc Company, at Peru, Illinois. Her children are: William Ellison, born May 18, 1868; Archibald Long, born in April, 1870; Annie Means; Robert Wells, born October 12, 1873; and Sadie, born in 1877; Robert Hamilton, subject of this sketch; William, born December 10, 1847, died February 17, 1848; Esther Amelia, born June 28, 1850, died May 15, 1851; Julia Morris, born July 25, 1853. She married John A. Murray, June 20, 1877. She died September 10, 1883, her husband, a merchant of Manchester, still surviving her. They had one child, William.

Mr. William Ellison was a remarkable man in many respects. He was six feet three in height, and weighed nearly 200 pounds. He became a member of the Presbyterian Church when a youth, and remained one of its strongest pillars till the day of his death, being a Deacon in his latter years. He had nothing of the compromise about him, but was very positive in his convictions as to right and wrong. Politically, he was first a Whig, then an Aboli-

tionist. He was a supporter of Fremont, and a member of the electoral college at Lincoln's second election. During his last illness he suffered for about ten days from typhoid pneumonia, and at last quietly passed away surrounded by his sorrowing family and sympathizing friends.

The subject of this mention, Mr. R. H. Ellison, received his education from the public schools. May 14, 1872, the Manchester National Bank was organized and our subject was made its cashier. The other directors were, W. A. Blair, President; John T. Wilson, M. R. Tewksbury, Mrs. Mary A. Adams, the John Ellison estate, David M. Bradford, George S. Kirker, and John T. McCutcheon. In 1876 Mr. Ellison retired from the active management of the bank's affairs, but still retained his stock in it. In 1879 he was elected by the Republicans Auditor of the county over a large Democratic majority, and filled the office for three years. He then returned to the banking business, and also dealt extensively in tobacco. In 1889 the bank closed out its business, and after this Mr. Ellison gave his attention to farming, in which occupation he is still engaged.

The property now occupied by Mr. C. C. W. Naylow, was built by Mr. Ellison in 1869, and occupied by him till 1879. Later he moved into the residence which he now occupies, located on the Ridge, and built by his father in 1855.

Mr. Ellison was married October 7, 1868, to Isabella Harris, daughter of Francis and Margaret (*née* Sexon) Harris, of Greene county, Ohio. Their children are: Mary Margaret, born January 17, 1873; and Francis Harris, born August 21, 1874.

Mr. Ellison is a member of the I. O. O. F., and the K. of P.

ALBERT CLIFTON THOMPSON, one of the leading citizens of Portsmouth, was born in Brookville, Pennsylvania, January 23, 1842. He was the third son of the Hon. J. J. Y. and Agnes (Kennedy) Thompson. His boyhood was spent in his native village until a lad of twelve years, when he entered the preparatory department of Jefferson College at Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, where he remained two years, giving up his academic pursuits and returning to his home because of a severe pecuniary loss sustained by his father at that time. The profession of the law early attracted young Thompson's mind, and when but seventeen years of age he entered the law office of Captain W. W. Wise, in his native village. The Rebellion, which broke over the land some two years after he had begun his legal studies, a second time separated him from his books, and, following the example of thousands of loyal youths who gave the years of their adolescence to their country, he shouldered a musket and joined the army at the front.

April 23, 1861, then in his twentieth year, the young law student left his home and marched with Captain A. A. McKnight's three-months men to join the army under Patterson, in the valley of Virginia. Before the expiration of the three months' service, he was promoted to a Sergeancy in Company I, of the Eighth Regiment. August 27, 1861, Mr. Thompson enlisted for the three years' service as a private in Company B, One Hundred and Fifth Pennsylvania Volunteers, under the captaincy of John C. Dowling. His rise from the ranks in this company was rapid, being first promoted to First Sergeant, and then, in October, to Second Lieutenant. November 28, 1861,

he was transferred to Company K, same regiment, and on the first of the following December, still not twenty years of age, he was put in command of the company as its Captain. When the young captain assumed command the company was not in a state of the best discipline, and the men began organizing a "picnic" with their youthful officer. It was not long, however, until a better mutual understanding was reached, and in a few weeks there was not a better drilled or better disciplined company in the regiment. Captain Thompson received his first wound at the battle of Fair Oaks, and by a freak of fate not relished by the soldier, the ball entered just below the shoulder at the back. He had just turned to give his company the command to advance when the ball struck, and fortunately was deflected, making a severe and painful but not a dangerous wound. After a short hospital experience, and a shorter visit to his home, where his wound was an object of public curiosity and pride, wounded soldiers being rare birds at that incipient stage of the war, Captain Thompson rejoined his regiment at Harrison's Landing, and was with his regiment at every subsequent engagement up to the second battle of Bull Run, where he received a wound pronounced fatal at the time, and from which he still suffers. His recovery was considered miraculous, and was due only to his youth and perfect physical organization, sustained by a will which at no time resigned itself to the thought of death. The wound was received just at the close of the fight, a few straggling shots only indicating that the enemy had not been completely vanquished. The ball entered at the right breast, fracturing the second and third ribs on the way to the lungs, where it still remains, an unwelcome tenant and a constant reminder of the terrible struggle. After receiving the wound, Captain Thompson was first removed to a boarding-house on D Street, Washington, where he was joined by his mother, whose ministrations did much to retain the faint spark of life which still lingered in his breast. From there he was taken by easy stages to Brookville, and there for ten months conducted a personal and determined fight against the great and common enemy. At the end of that time he was sufficiently recovered to apply for a place in the Invalid Corps, which he entered in June, 1863, serving a part of the time on the staff of the Provost-marshal for Kentucky, and the remainder in New York enforcing the draft.

December 10, 1863, Captain Thompson resigned and entered the law office of Hon. W. P. & G. A. Jenks, at Brookville. There he completed his legal preparation, and was admitted to practice in the courts of Jefferson county December 13, 1864. In 1865 he removed to Portsmouth, where he has ever since resided, with the exception of a temporary residence at Washington during the three terms he served as a member of the lower house from the Portsmouth District in the forty-ninth, fiftieth and fifty-first Congresses.

Captain Thompson's career in the city and State of his adoption has been marked with high testimonials of the esteem of his fellow citizens, such as any man should reflect upon with pride. Four years after his coming to Portsmouth, or in 1869, he was elected to the office of Probate Judge, and subsequently, in 1881, was elevated to the Common Pleas bench of the Seventh Judicial District of Ohio, which position he resigned to take his place in Congress. Of Judge Thompson's career on the bench

nothing but the highest praise has ever been spoken by his brothers at the bar and by the people of the district, whose business before his courts was always dispatched with promptness and exact justice. On the bench, as in all other fields of action, he displayed a capacity to transact business which earned for him the gratitude of litigants and the respect of the profession. Upon his retirement from the bench he left not only clear dockets in his district, but a record which the invidious enmities that are the natural fruit of an active career have never attempted to disparage.

Although always active in politics, being an uncompromising Republican, Judge Thompson's political career can be said to have commenced in the true sense with his first nomination for Congress, which occurred at Portsmouth in 1884. It is not the rule for a young Congressman upon his first term to enter very conspicuously into the work of the House, yet Judge Thompson's first term was one of the busiest that he served. He received an appointment as a member of the Committee on Private Land Claims, and at once entered actively upon his duties in that relation. The committee deals with the grants and concessions made to private individuals by foreign governments, and from whom we have acquired lands by purchase or treaty. This committee performs the office practically of a court, determining questions of the utmost subtility in a legal sense. In that committee Judge Thompson was not only an active but a very valuable member. In the fiftieth Congress he served on the Invalid Pension Committee, a position which entailed a stupendous amount of work, and gave an opportunity for the executive qualities which are so prominent in his mental organization. In the fifty-first Congress he served on two of the most prominent and important committees, namely, Judiciary and Foreign Affairs. As a member of the first committee the Judge was made chairman of a subcommittee to investigate the United States courts in various parts of the country. That the place was not a sinecure, several judges of the court could bear testimony, and against one in Louisiana articles of impeachment were preferred. The report which he submitted to Congress as chairman of that sub-committee was among the most valuable of the session. It was during that Congress that the famous McKinley tariff bill was formed, and in that important measure Judge Thompson took no inconsiderable part, being frequently called into the councils of his party, and also wrote the twenty-fourth section of the bill. Through this section the great smelting works of the country were made bonded warehouses, in which were stored imported ores admitted free of duty, and when refined exported in an unmanufactured state by the refiner.

Judge Thompson's career in Congress was of material benefit to his adopted city, as it was through his efforts that a public building was erected in Portsmouth, costing $33,000. The bill providing for this building was vetoed by President Cleveland in the fiftieth Congress, but became a law by the President's sufferance in the fifty-first Congress. A dike, known as the Bonanza dike, built in the Ohio just about that time, was also provided for through the same instrumentality, at a cost of $75,000, and three ice piers, built just below, were added at a cost of $7,500 apiece. The city also received the boon of a free mail delivery from the same source. Judge Thompson's political career has been

marked by many colossal struggles, the memorable fight at Gallipolis, when he had the nomination in his grasp and handed it over to the late General Enochs, being the most protracted and hardest-fought political struggle ever fought in a convention in this State, and fittingly closing a career which was marked all along the way by straightforward and honest fighting.

After retiring from Congress and from active politics, the Judge again returned to his profession, for which he always reserved the warmest impulses of his mind. In the interval since the spring of 1891 he has devoted his time assiduously to the practice of his profession, holding as far aloof from politics as is consistent with the requirements of good citizenship and the demands of the friendships which a long political career creates. He has received many and pressing invitations to again enter the arena and strap the political cestus to his hand, but he has persistently refused. In the spring of 1892 he was appointed a Trustee of the Athens Assembly by Governor McKinley, and confirmed by the Senate, all without his knowledge, but he promptly declined the honor. One appointment from the hand of Governor McKinley he accepted, and that out of considerations of public duty and because it did not necessarily distract him from his practice. In June, 1893, Judge Thompson was appointed a member of the Ohio Tax Commission, and was subsequently made its chairman by his confreres on the commission—Theodore Cook, W. N. Conden and E. A. Angell. In the work of this commission he took a conspicuous part—a work which is now bearing fruit in the legislation of the State on this great subject, and which is bound to come to fuller and better fruition as its suggestions and recommendations are better understood by our Legislature. The report received the highest paise from contemporaneous journals of political science. The Quarterly, edited by the faculty of Columbia College, singled it out for this high praise: "Altogether, the report of the Ohio Commission is one of the most cheering evidences of the growth and more enlightened views on the subject of taxation. It does not exhaust the subject, but it certainly goes a great way toward the improvement of existing conditions."

Judge Thompson's law practice, under the fostering care of the few years that he has devoted exclusively to it, has grown to solid and lucrative proportions. He enjoys his work, and in the range of it he has practiced before every kind of court this broad Republic furnishes, from the squire's dispensary to the robed dignitary who sits on the bench of the United States Court at Washington. The Judge is now in the enjoyment of good health, and looks forward to a long and pleasant life full of work, for repose is not to his taste.

REV. JAMES ROBINSON GIBSON, deceased.—The earliest information now in the possession of the family of the subject of this sketch in regard to their ancestry, runs back to Jacob Gibson, his grandfather, who first lived in Chester county, Pennsylvania, but while yet a young man removed to York connty, in the same State, and located at Peach Bottom Ferry, on the west bank of the Susquehanna river. Here he owned and operated a fulling and grist mill; here his fourteen children were born, and here he accumulated a considerable property.

Andrew Gibson, his son, and the father

of James R., was born March 30, 1770. Owing to some dissatisfaction which was in some way connected with a family slave called "Nez," Andrew and his younger brother Joseph decided to leave home, which purpose they carried out, thus giving up their interest in the family patrimony, and leaving the other members of the household in ignorance about their expected future residence, if, indeed, at the time they had definite plans for themselves; so that it is only within a very few years that the two branches of the family thus separated have come to know each other. The two brothers, Andrew and Joseph, went to Washington county, Pennsylvania, and afterward removed to Ohio—Andrew to Ross county at first, but soon after to Fayette county, and Joseph to Union county; and here they lived and died. Andrew Gibson was married to Nancy Wallace Robinson, in Washington county, Pennsylvania, and was the father of nine children. James Robinson Gibson, the eighth child, was born in the last-named county and State, October 28, 1809, and with the family came to Ohio in the year 1812, and was reared near Bloomington, Fayette county.

He united with the church at a Presbyterian camp-meeting held by the Rev. Dr. Daniel Baker, in Madison county, in the year 1831, and very soon thereafter entered Miami University at Oxford, Ohio, to prepare for the ministry. After his graduation in 1839 he went to Brown county, Ohio, to teach school, and there studied theology under the instructions of Rev. James Gilliland and Rev. John Rankin, and was licensed to the gospel ministry by the Presbytery of Ripley in sesion at Winchester in October, 1841.

December 27, 1842, he was united in marriage to Martha E. King, whose family had come from Adams county, Pennsylvania, and were at the time highly respected citizens of Georgetown—a daughter of Victor King.

Mr. Gibson labored in the ministry of the Presbyterian Church, and that very usefully, for a period of nearly forty years: At Decatur from 1841 to 1846; Ripley, 1846 to 1853; Frankfort, 1853 to 1867; Eckmansville, 1867 to 1871; and Manchester, 1871 to 1875,—all in the State of Ohio. He was a man of deep conviction and true piety—a friend to the colored man in the days of slavery, a patriot in the dark hours of civil war, a faithful friend, father, citizen.

He died among his friends, March 30, 1881, and his body rests in the graveyard adjoining the Manchester Presbyterian Church, and upon his tomb could be inscribed appropriately the words, "Well done." His wife, Martha E.; his son, J. King, now pastor of the Presbyterian Church at South Charleston, Ohio; his daughters, Mary A., wife of Charles E. Kirker, Esq., and Alice B., wife of Judge Henry Collings, of Manchester, Ohio, survive him at this date,—October, 1894,—to hold him in grateful memory; two children, Augustus C., who died in the army, and Emma J., who died in early childhood, having preceded him to the better land.

WQ. ADAMS, deceased, was for over twenty years prominently identified with the business interests of Portsmouth, Ohio. He was born July 20, 1827, at Wellsburg, Brooke county, then in the State of Virginia, but now West Virginia. His parents were of Scotch and English descent. At the age

of three years he lost his father, Preston Adams, and after that he and his mother made their home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell. His mother then taught a private school for four years, and it was with her that Mr. Adams passed all the school days that he ever had, for when he was seven years old she married a second time. After this marriage she and her husband, Mr. Halley, moved West. The son, however, preferred to remain with his grandparents, which he did, and at the early age of seven years he found employment in a dry-goods store, and thus commenced his battle of life. He soon gained a reputation for the purest morals and the highest business integrity. He inherited from his mother a literary talent, and when a boy he began to write for magazines and local newspapers. His intellectual tastes and thirst for knowledge led him to apply all his leisure hours to study and reading, and as the years passed by he acquired a rich and varied store of knowledge.

November 20, 1849, Mr. Adams married Miss Julia A. Connell, who was a resident of his native city and whom he had always loved. They contined to live in Wellsburg until 1854. At that time he moved his family to Cincinnati, and there engaged in the coal business. His energy and strict business integrity soon brought ease and comfort to himself and family. In 1870 he moved to Portsmouth and here turned his attention to the fire-brick business, which he continued up to the time of his death, his home being in Portsmouth all this time, with the exception of about eighteen months, which he spent at Logan, Ohio, also in this same business.

His death, which occurred November 12, 1892, was caused by neuralgia of the heart, and came very suddenly, he having spent the last day of his life at his place of business. He was a member of All Saints Church and was noted for his charity. Portsmouth and its interests were dear to him, he did his part in promoting the welfare of the town, and as one of its most public-spirited citizens he was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Of the seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. Adams, four are still living, namely: J. C. Adams, Mrs. T. W. Kinney, Mrs. J. A. Turley and Samuel Preston Adams, all of whom and his devoted wife were with him at the time of his death. A half brother and sister, Wilson Halley and Mrs. Emily Finley, of Warrensburg, Missouri, are all the near relatives he has living. Such is the epitome of the life of a worthy citizen of Portsmouth, who has finished his work and gone to his last rest.

ELI WILSON, a well-known farmer of Highland county, Ohio, was born on his Grandfather St. Tee's farm, near New Petersburg, this county, May 13, 1823, son of William and Sally (St. Tee) Wilson.

William Wilson was born in Fayette county, Ohio, and lived there for thirty-five years. He inherited an interest in the home place, subsequently purchased the interest of the other heirs, and in 1859 traded the property for the farm of 212 acres where his son Eli now lives. He died here in 1864. Of his large family of children, we record that James, who was born in 1825 and died in 1892, was twice married, first to Ann Painter, and after her death to Betty Dowden, and by his last wife had three sons and three daughters: Mary, born in 1827,

died when quite young; Sarah, born in 1829, married John Ushkin, and is still living in Highland county, her only child, James, being a farmer of this county; Lucinda, born in 1831, married James Tracy, and is living in Paulding county, Ohio, three sons and three daughters composing her family; Sophia, wife of Daniel Anderson, was born in 1833 and died in 1874; Margaret, wife of William Tracy, was born in 1835 and died in 1864; William, born in 1837, married Jane Longfellow, and they have four sons and three daughters, he being a mechanic and a resident of Indiana; John, born in 1839, has been twice married, has one son and three daughters by his first wife, and is living on a farm in Indiana; George, born in 1841, married a Miss Goodwight; Joseph, born in 1843, has been twice married, has four sons and three daughters by his present wife, and he and his family live on a farm in Ross county. By his first wife, whose maiden name was Wilson, but who was no relative of his, Joseph Wilson had two children, a son and a daughter. The former, Wesley, resides with the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Wilson's grandfather, Joshua Wilson, came to this State from Maryland at an early day, and in the forest of Fayette county acquired and improved the farm above alluded to. He died there from injuries received from a horse kick. He paid for his land in a unique way, namely, with wolf scalps, one scalp being sufficient to pay for an acre. His plan for securing them—and this was the plan adopted by other pioneers—was as follows: First, he built a platform a few feet high, on which he stood to shoot them. Then he would rub the bottom of his moccasins with assafetida and course for miles into the forest, always leading back to the platform. If there were any wolves in the neighborhood, they would soon scent the assafetida and come right to the platform. In this way Grandfather Wilson killed as many as fifty wolves in a single night. He had served all through the Revolutionary war, and was noted as a great Indian fighter. His parents were Scotch. Grandfather St. Tee was of French origin. He died at the age of seventy on his farm near New Petersburg.

Eli Wilson's first farming was done in Fayette county. In 1868 he bought of the other heirs their share in the 212 acres where he now lives, moved here at once, and has since made his home on this farm. He has been at no little expense in improving this place and making it what it is to-day. In 1884 he built his barn, and in 1892 erected his residence.

March 15, 1852, he married Catharine Tracy, daughter of Jasper Tracy. Their children are: Milton, born January 10, 1853, a farmer of Greene county, Ohio; William Newton, born February 16, 1854, married Mary Ferneau, and is farming in Illinois; Sarah C., born May 16, 1856, is at home; Alonzo, born September 16, 1857, married Susie McLauren, and is farming in Fayette county; Sophia, born January 9, 1858, died May 25, 1869; Samuel Jasper, born September 16, 1859, married Clara Crane, and is farming in Highland county; Elias C., born October 4, 1862, married Anna Bayham; Caroline M., born October 6, 1864, married Thomas Hillory, and is living near Washington Court House, Ohio; Joseph E., born December 25, 1866, married Ella Adams, March 13, 1888, and is farming near his father; and Edward, born August 16, 1869, died October 11, 1872. Mrs. Wilson died February 8, 1872. In 1873 Mr. Wilson married for his second

wife Miss Caroline Matilda Smith, daughter of John Smith, the date of her birth being April 1, 1840. Mr. Wilson's children by his present wife are Minnie Meora, born February 9, 1874; Ollie May, May 1, 1876; Harro Otis, April 11, 1878; Nellie Belle, December 14, 1881.

HENRY HIESTAND was born October 11, 1824, on his father's farm in Highland county, Ohio, and has been a resident of this county ever since, now making his home with his son John. Mr. Hiestand's parents, John and Sarah (Sprinkle) Hiestand, were natives of the Old Dominion, his father coming out to the Western Reserve and settling in Highland county as early as 1805.

Our subject remained at home until he was twenty-three years of age. He then boug'it sixty acres of land of John A. Smith and devoted his attention to clearing and improving it, and on it he was engaged in farming for fifteen years. Previous to his leaving home he had learned the trade of stone-mason of his brother, and during all these years, in connection with his farming, he worked at his trade whenever he could secure work at it. After selling the Smith farm he purchased another place, which he farmed, and on which he lived until 1886. He still owns this farm. It is located three miles from where his son lives. Since 1886 Mr. Hiestand has been retired from active life and has made his home with his children.

He has been twice married—first, December 30, 1847, to Elizabeth A. Bowell; second, March 10, 1853, to Ellen Moberly. By his last wife he has two children, namely: Mrs. Orissa Bell Irvin, born March 22, 1854; and John Henry, born September 17, 1855. The latter married a Miss Williams.

HON. JACOB J. PUGSLEY, for many years one of the most prominent and influential men of southern Ohio, is now living retired at Hillsborough.

He was born in Dutchess county, New York, January 25, 1840, and was educated at the Miami University. Choosing the law for his profession, he devoted his energies to a thorough preparation for its practice, studying law at Dayton and being admitted to the bar in Columbus, Ohio. In 1868 he took up his abode in Hillsborough and has ever since been identified with this place, his career being one of marked success.

Mr. Pugsley has all his life been a stanch Republican, and by his party has been honored with distinguished official position. In 1879 he was elected to the Ohio Legislature, and was re-elected in 1881. In 1885 he was chosen a member of the State Senate, and while in the Senate was elected to the Congress of the United States. He was a member of both the Fiftieth and the Fifty-first Congresses of the United States.

JAMES HESSONG, a leading citizen of Chillicothe, and one of the heavy business men, was born on the home farm of his father, near Upton, Pennsylvania, September 5, 1846, a son of Daniel and Eliza (Barr) Hessong. His paternal grandfather was Daniel Hessong, a native

of Maryland, and his maternal grandfather was George Barr, an officer in the Mexican war.

Mr. Hessong, whose name introduces this sketch, is one of ten children, the others being: David, who became a carriage-maker, but is now proprietor of a music store in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; Elisha, the proprietor of a pottery in Cassville, Pennsylvania; William, a carriage manufacturer at Mount Gilead, Ohio; Peter, a partner in the Buckeye Buggy Company, of Columbus; Barbara, who resides in Louisville, unmarried; Henrietta, deceased; Anna, the wife of a well-to-do farmer near Bridgeport, Pennsylvania; Margaret, deceased; and Martha Belle, who is the wife of Jacob Schouf, in Pennsylvania. The parents were patriotic citizens and devout Lutherans. Our subject's remembrance of his father is that he was one of the most lenient men, and one of the kindest fathers. He and his wife possessed the sterling qualities of mind and heart that imbued their children with the true principles of Christianity, thus casting their influence for good upon coming generations. Their father was a stock-raiser and dealer in stock, and it is said of him that neatness was his motto. He had a method in everything, a place for everything and kept everything in its place, and allowed no loose corners in his business. It is doubtless due greatly to the influence thus exerted by the father upon the sons that the latter owe much of their success in life.

James Hessong, the name at the head of this sketch, helped his father on the farm and attended public and private schools until eighteen years old. September 7, 1864, he enlisted in Company D, Two Hundred and Ninth Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, under Colonel Kauffman, the captain of his company being his friend and former teacher, James McCulloch. Their first engagement was at Bermuda Hundred, where the entire picket line and Colonel Kauffman were taken prisoners. The regiment was next ordered to Petersburg, Virginia, where they were ordered to make ready for a charge upon Fort Steadman; and, in the engagement which followed, the Federal troops, consisting of the Two Hundred and Ninth, Two Hundred and Eighth, and Two Hundredth Pennsylvania regiments, were successful, capturing 2,000 prisoners, though at the loss of many killed and wounded. Among the killed was Captain McCulloch, who was shot close by the side of his former pupil. After the battle Mr. Hessong received an appointment as a non-commisssioned officer; later, in the early summer of 1865, he was mustered out with his regiment at Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, being paid off in the currency of the day.

Instead of spending his money recklessly, as did many of his companions, he at once started for home, where he was received with open arms and blessings. Harvest time soon arrived, and picking up his cradle he went into the fields and earned $53, the foundation of his present success. Looking about him he found that coach-making was one of the best of trades, and decided to learn it. After working nine months under an old journeyman, he took a contract to make coach bodies, but soon learned that he was incompetent. Going to Lebanon, Pennsylvania, he worked for six months under an experienced journeyman, boarding himself and working for nothing. In September, 1867, he went to Iowa City, Iowa, and took a contract to make buggy bodies at $15 each. "At that time," says Mr. Hessong,

"I could make one body in two days; after a year's experience I could make one in a day. What a difference arose when they were made all over the land for seventy-five to eighty cents each, and a good man could make four in a day!" In September, 1869, he went to Marion, Ohio, and worked on contracts.

In the last mentioned city he met the lady whom he afterward married on Thanksgiving Day, 1871. She was Alice Turpenny, a young lady of refinement and culture, and a daughter of Samuel Turpenny, who died in the late war, and Samantha, *née* Randall, granddaughter of Nelson Randall, a native of Pennsylvania, who died of the Asiatic cholera in Illinois.

In 1873 Mr. Hessong removed with his wife to Zanesville, Ohio, and there took charge of a carriage shop for three years; next he went to Columbus, where he took charge of the Teller Buggy Company for one year. In 1877 be became identified with the United States Carriage Company, of Columbus, taking charge of its plant, which he built, until 1880, when he entered a partnership with James M. Scatterday, establishing the Capital City Carriage Company. They commenced business and continued for five years in the old Booth establishment, the oldest carriage plant in Ohio. They did a fine business; and at the end of five years built a new plant, northeast of the barracks, which is still known as the Capital City.

In September, 1889, Mr. Hessong removed to Chillicothe and established the Chillicothe Buggy Factory. His first building was 40 x 125 feet, with four floors, and he has since built an addition 25 x 125 feet, two floors, and another 40 x 125, of brick. Starting in a small way, he hired men who had partly learned the business in smaller shops, and by degrees he has instructed them upon lines laid out by himself until he now employs upward of seventy skilled mechanics, nearly all of whom have practically learned their several trades under him, and in a manner especially adapted to the peculiarities of his line of work. Since the factory was first started, it has never been idle a single day, working all the time on orders. All kinds of vehicles are constructed; 1,500 were built during the year ending August, 1894, and they find sale in all parts of the United States and even in distant parts of the world, even China, England and the Bermuda Islands.

In April, 1892, Mr. Hessong was elected to the City Council of Chillicothe.

Mr. and Mrs. Hessong are members of the Methodist Church. They have four children—Maud, Charles C., Rolfe T. and Helen L.

COLONEL CARY T. POPE, a prosperous and well-to-do farmer of Hillsborough, Ohio, was born in Highland county, this State, August 21, 1834, son of John W. and Tacy B. (Ridgway) Pope, both natives of Harrison county, Virginia. They came to Highland county in 1802, the Popes and Ridgways being among the early settlers of this part of the country. The Colonel's grandfather's name was Nathaniel Pope. John W. Pope was in politics a Whig, and took an active interest in the public affairs of his day. During the Mexican war he served as recruiting officer, and for a number of years he was General of Militia. In religious belief, he and his wife were Friends. He died at the age of seventy-two years, and his wife

passed away a year later at the age of sixty-six. They had four sons and two daughters, viz.: Leroy; Richard H., who died in 1855; Algerman R., an attorney of Macon City, Missouri; Cary T.; Martha J., wife of Colonel T. S Curtis, an attorney of Missouri; and Lizzy P., wife of Albert F. Dean, of Chicago, Illinois.

Colonel Pope received his education at Samantha, and at Salem, Ohio, and for some time was engaged in teaching school. In the fall of 1861 he enlisted in Company F, Sixtieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was elected its Second Lieutenant. He went to the front in Virginia, and at Harper's Ferry was captured by the enemy. He was, however, at once exchanged and afterward participated in several engagements, remaining in the service one year. In 1870 he was elected County Sheriff, was re-elected in 1872 and served four years. He received the appointment of Postmaster of Hillsborough under Cleveland's first administration, and in that capacity rendered efficient service for five years. His chief occupation, however, has been farming. In this he has excelled He owns the fine old farm on which his father lived for many years.

Our subject has always taken a deep interest in educational affairs, and for three years was a member of the School Board. He is identified with the Masonic fraternity and with the Grand Army of Republic, and of the latter he was Commander for two years.

He has been twice married. In 1858 he wedded Miss Kate Hixson, daughter of Captain Daniel Hixson. She died in 1872, leaving him with four children, namely: Walter C., of Chicago, Illinois; Fred Leroy, at home engaged in farming; Mollie J., wife of Charles H. Pennington; and Robert H. July 10, 1889, he married Mrs. Lavina B. (Johnson) Lancy, daughter of Captain William Johnson, of Clermont county, Ohio.

W. F. PATTERSON, M. D., a prominent physician of Hillsborough, Highland county, Ohio, is a native of Madison township, this county, born in 1831. He was reared by an uncle, his early life being spent on the farm and his education obtained in the common schools and the seminary at Greenfield, Ohio. He began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. Wilson, of Greenfield, and afterward entered the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, where he graduated March 5, 1853. In May of that same year he began the practice of his profession at Greenfield. He continued there successfully until August, 1876, with the exception of three years during the war, when he was First Assistant Surgeon of the Sixty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry. During the whole three years, however, he was acting Surgeon.

In 1876 Dr. Patterson was elected Treasurer of Highland county, and in August of that year removed to Hillsborough. He served two years as Treasurer. Since the expiration of his term of office he has devoted his whole time and energies to the practice of his profession in Hillsborough, and has been very successful here.

Dr. Patterson was married in October, 1854, to Miss H. C. Wilson, sister of Drs. J. L. and W. H. Wilson, of Greenfield. They have two daughters, namely: M. Anna Cory Powell, wife of Frank Powell of Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Blanch D.

The Doctor is a stanch Republican. He has been Pension Examiner for many

years, and has also served several years as a member of the City Council. He is a member of Grand Army of the Republic, and a pensioner of the civil war. He and his family are Presbyterians.

Of Dr. Patterson's parents we record that his father and mother, James and Anna (Stuart) Patterson, were natives of Tennessee and came from Knoxville to Ohio at an early day, being among the pioneers of Highland county. James Patterson died in early life, his death resulting from an injury. He was related to Judge Patterson, of Tennessee, a son-in-law of President Johnson.

GEORGE MERRILL OSBORN, Judge of the Probate Court of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born at Wheelersburg, this State, October 7, 1858. His father, Arthur Patterson Osborn, was born at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, September 2, 1814, and died at Wheelersburg, Ohio, September 18, 1887. He was a tanner by trade. In 1840 he moved from Pennsylvania to Springfield, Ohio, where he worked at his trade until 1847. He then came to Portsmouth, to build the tannery for Smith & Davis, and, after its completion, was employed as superintendent for several years. He was then engaged for a time at his trade in Kentucky. In 1858 he moved to Wheelersburg, Scioto county, Ohio, to work in the tannery of George W. Flanders. Shortly after this Mr. Flanders was elected Auditor of the county, and Mr. Osborn bought the tannery. He conducted the same until 1880, when he closed out the business and lived retired in Wheelersburg the remainder of his days. Mr. Osborn and his brother, James, the only children, were left orphans at an early age, and whatever success they made in after life was due entirely to their own exertions.

Elizabeth (Way) Osborn, mother of our subject, was born at Columbus, Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, September 3, 1813, her parents being Michael and Susan Way. The maternal grandfather of Mrs. Osborn was a Hessian deserter, who came to this country under a misapprehension, and, rather than fight against the people who were struggling for their deliverance he deserted. He afterward married an English girl. Arthur P. Osborn and Elizabeth Way were married February 25, 1833. Their children living are: Stephen, Lewellyn, Arthur Patterson, and the subject of this sketch. There are seven deceased. Arthur Patterson enlisted in Company M, Seventh Ohio Cavalry, when only sixteen years old, and served for eighteen months. He then received an appointment to the Naval Academy through the efforts of Hon. H. S. Bundy, of Jackson, and graduated in 1869. Since that time he has served on various vessels in the United States marine. He is now located at Newport, Rhode Island, and holds the rank of Lieutenant.

The subject of this sketch, after passing through the public school, took a course at the Iron City Business College, Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and received his diploma in 1875. He then began teaching, continuing that occupation for ten consecutive years, with the exception of 1883, when he read law under Hon. A. T. Holcomb. In the spring of 1877 he returned to Portsmouth and entered the law office of T. C. Anderson. In June of the same year, he was admitted to the bar. Mr. Osborn then formed a partnership with Mr. Anderson, which continued until he assumed the duties of

Probate Judge, in February, 1891. He was elected by a large majority on the Republican ticket in the fall of 1890, re-elected by an increased majority in 1893, and is now serving his second term. He was appointed County School Examiner in 1885, and served until his elevation to the bench, when he resigned. He served five years as Trustee of Porter Township and three years as a member of the Wheelersburg School Board —but resigned both positions on removal to Portsmouth.

Judge Osborn married June 10, 1890, Miss Carry E. Feurt, daughter of Henry and Mary Feurt. In his social relations he is a member of blue lodge, chapter and commandery, Masonic bodies; the Mystic Shrine, Knights of Pythias and the Elks.

THOMAS RENO, a prominent citizen engaged in agricultural pursuits near Berryville, Highland county, was born on his father's farm in Loudoun county, Virginia. His father, also named Thomas, was a descendant of French ancestry; and the father of the latter came with several brothers to this country with General LaFayette, as soldiers. Our subject's father, a native of Virginia, kept a hotel there prior to his coming to Ohio. He reached Rainesboro, Highland county, December 25, 1826, and died there May 3 the next year. He married Sarah Bevens, of Irish descent, who after his death married James Carlisle, and both she and her husband fell victims to the Asiatic cholera, which raged in southern Ohio in 1833-4. Mr. Carlisle died July 13, 1833, and his wife four days afterward.

The children of Thomas Reno, Sr., were: Sampson, born June 25, 1807, and died March 29, 1894; James Madison, born in July, 1809, died January 19, 1825, unmarried; he inherited a muscular constitution, and was an athlete, and while exercising as such he received a fatal internal injury; Frances, born in October, 1811, married William Van Zant, March 12, 1832, and died June 1, 1894; their children were: Sampson, who died in infancy; Sarah, who married C. R. Kelley, a farmer in this county; Marian, who died at the age of sixteen years; Rinard, who marrried Miss Burnett; Thomas, who married Harriet Stanforth, a farmer in this county; Martha Jane, who first married Mr. Ream, and afterward Mr. Johnson, and is living in Pennsylvania; Ellen, who became the wife of James Brown, and later, of Rev. Snodgrass; and Enos, who married Elizabeth Slorer. William, the next child of Thomas Reno, Sr., was born in February, 1814, and is now deceased; Emily, born in March, 1816, married John Shanks, a Pike county farmer, and their children are: Dallas, Sampson, and three daughters; Mary, now deceased, was born in January, 1818, married Sandford Legg, and had as children Eli, Kittina, and three others; she is now deceased; Hortensia, born February 7, 1820, became the wife of Eli Van Zant and had as children Samuel B., Zachariah, Noble and Christina, now deceased; the subject of this sketch is the next; Lucy, born April 1, 1824, and died November 6, 1841; Morgan, born May 8, 1826, and by accident shot himself fatally, dying a short time thereafter. November 8, 1838.

Mr. Thomas Reno, whose name introduces this memoir, was but four years of age when his father died, and he remained with his mother until he was eight years of age, when he went to live with his brother

Sampson, and remained with him until 1849. In 1846 he bought sixty-two acres of Jacob Miller, a portion of the place where he now lives. At that time there was only an old log house there. He built his present residence in 1865, and two years later erected the barn. He has added to his farm from time to time until now it contains 155 acres; he also has a tract of eighty-two acres near Berryville.

March 18, 1849, is the date of his marriage to Miss Sarah Cunningham, a daughter of Andrew and Ellen Cunningham, and their children are: William Hamar, born November 25, 1850, and died in April, 1886; he married Anna Spargur, by whom he had one child, Leota; Ellen Jane, who was born July 21, 1853, and died April 16, 1875; Edith Sarah, born September 30, 1855, and died January 26, 1860; John Thomas, who was born June 16, 1857, married Vista Spargur, a sister of his brother's wife, and their children are Bessie, Sarah and Lucinda (twins who died in infancy), John Brook and Jacob Brauwn; Eli Oscar, who was born June 26, 1860. Determined to pursue some other calling than that of farming, the last mentioned gave himself as good an education as possible in the public schools, and began teaching in 1846, his first school being in District No. 12, Highland county, where he remained one year; he then taught the Creamer school in Paint township for two years; the next year he was engaged in teaching in Barrett's school, and the following year he was selected as principal of the Centerfield school, with Miss Lulu Adams as assistant; the year following he taught at Morrow's, Penn township, and then returned to Centerfield in Paint township, where he taught one year and is employed for this year. In company with J. H. Harper, he taught a normal school, of an eight-weeks term, at Slate Hill, Brush Creek township, during the summer of 1894, having an attendance of thirty pupils. He has never been healthy and therefore has never been able to complete his education as he would like. He contemplates taking a normal course at Ada College during the next vacation. Edgar, the next child, was born June 24, 1862, and died August 18, 1862; Charles, born September 17, 1863, married Mary Olive Eakins, daughter of George and Rachel Anna (Shaw) Eakins, December 19, 1889, and his children are Blanche Gertrude, born May 21, 1890, and Charles Vernon, born September 13, 1893; he lives with his father and assists in conducting the farm; Ethel Leonia, born August 2, 1865, became the wife of M. G. Kelly, a farmer of Highland county, and her children are Georgiana, deceased, and LeRoy.

Mr. Thomas Reno, the subject of this sketch, has never taken an active part in political affairs, although he has served his township as Trustee for the past forty years. In his religious connections he is a member of the Christian Union Church.

JOSIAH POLK, a respected farmer near Willettville, Ohio, was born on the place where his father now lives, June 7, 1844. (For his ancestry see sketch of his father, Josiah W. Polk.)

He remained at his parental home until the fall of 1866, when he was hired out by the day by John Griss, for two weeks. Next he was employed by Samuel Eltin, who operated a sorghum mill, and worked with it during the remainder of the season. During the ensuing winter 1866-7, he at-

tended school, for the last time. He also took care of the place which Mr. Powell owns during this period. In the following spring he rented from his father the field now occupied by John Eddingfield, and was engaged in agricultural pursuits there for two years, and for the next two years he continued in the same pursuits upon another rented farm, and finally, in November, 1871, he moved to his present home, known then as the "'Squire John Shockley's farm;" it was originally owned by the grandfather of Mrs. Polk. The present buildings, with the exception of the old barn, were erected by Mr. Polk. At first there were 223 acres in this place, and Mr. Polk still owns 158 acres of this tract. March 1, 1884, he purchased sixty acres of William Stockwell, which is now rented by Mr. Wiley; and he owns another tract of 195 acres, situated two miles north of Willettville, the last portion of which was purchased in February, 1893. He has on this place a tenant, William Brewer.

Mr. Polk was married February 17, 1868, to Celesta Ann Shockley, daughter of Charles and Elizabeth (Crawford) Shockley. Mrs. Polk's grandfather, John Shockley, son of Sampson Shockley, was born December 8, 1781, and died December 28, 1837. He married Hannah, daughter of Henry and Dorothy Bowers, who was born April 23, 1789, and died March 17, 1833. The children of John and Hannah Shockley were: Betsey, born February 16, 1811, married George Townsend, December 29, 1831, and died in August, 1871; Sally, born December 19, 1812, married William Van Meter in December, 1831, and is deceased; Martha, born September 17, 1814, married Silas Crane, January 26, 1841, and is still living, in Iowa; Lewis, born September 28, 1816, died in 1837; Mary, born December 27, 1818, married David Humphrey, April 3, 1838, and is deceased; Charles, born March 11, 1821, married Elizabeth Crawford, January 19, 1845, who died February 19, 1851; Nancy, born May 22, 1823, married David Woodmansee, June 29, 1843; Salina, born August 29, 1826, and died January 7, 1855; Melissa, born September 24, 1828, and died January 25, 1852; Julia, born July 31, 1830, and died July 8, 1838; and Hannah, born March 17, 1833, married Charles Kelly, January 21, 1860.

Mrs. Polk was born March 24, 1846; her mother, May 2, 1828, and her children by her first husband (Mrs. Polk's father) were: Charles Albert, born May 28, 1849, married Sarah Grady in July, 1874; and Sylvia Augusta, born March 25, 1850, and married June 10, 1868, Isaac W. Matthews. Mrs. Polk was the oldest child.

Mrs. Shockley's second marriage occurred February 19, 1853, when she wedded Nathan Hussey, and the children by this marriage were Leannah, born December 3, 1853; Homer, born December 21, 1855; Edgar, born May 11, 1858; Elizabeth and Mary (twins), born April 4, 1861, and died in infancy. Mrs. Hussey died April 16, 1861.

Mr. and Mrs. Polk's children are: Walter Charles, born June 19, 1869, completed the various courses in the public schools of New Vienna, and in 1887 entered the State University of Ohio at Columbus, taking the civil-engineering course, and after attending three years there accepted a position on the Columbus & Shawnee Railroad as civil engineer. He will return to the university to take his degree the coming year. Elsie Augusta, born July 4, 1871, pursued a teachers' educational course at New Vienna

and is now at home. Elizabeth May, born May 12, 1874, finished the various courses in the New Vienna public schools by the time she was sixteen years of age, and entered the Shepardson College at Granville, Ohio, in September, 1893, and has passed the freshman year. Winfred Whittington, born March 2, 1871, now in the junior year in the high school of New Vienna. Alma Burnett, born March 23, 1886, and now attending school in New Vienna.

Mr. Polk has always voted the Democratic ticket, and has several times been nominated by his party for a responsible office, but, owing to the large Republican majority in his county he has failed of election, along with his ticket. His family are members of the Baptist Church.

ALONZO TERRY SWEPSTON, a worthy citizen of Chillicothe and a typical Ohio man, was born in Vinton county, this State, near McArthur, December 28, 1858. His parents were Charles and Marian (Ramsey) Swepston; and Charles Swepston was the son of John and Sarah Swepston, who came to Vinton county from Virginia in 1822, driving through the forest with a one-horse cart. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1825, and held the office for twenty years.

He was the father of seven sons and seven daughters. The sons were, Jack, Edward, William, Thomas, James, Charles and George; and the daughters, Jane, Sarah, Temple, Tabitha, Wennie, and two others. These children scattered themselves throughout Ohio and the West, married and raised families. They were of the sturdy, steady-going class which form the bone and sinew of a nation, without pomp or special display. The grandmother, Wennie Gartner, lived to be eighty-four years old.

The oldest son, Jack, was Sheriff of Vinton county two terms, and Treasurer two terms; and, continuing the system of twos, he moved to Arkansas and served two terms as Sheriff there. Thomas studied medicine and is now a practicing physician of several years' standing in Mount Pleasant, Ohio. Edward is a wagon-maker, still running a shop in Vinton county, on a part of the old homestead. The two younger sons, Charles and George, are blacksmiths, residing in Vinton county. Charles was Supervisor of Richland township four terms.

Alonzo T., the eldest of eight children, has as brothers and sisters: Robert S., who for the last ten years has been an attorney in Columbus, Ohio, and City Solicitor eight years; Wennie L., Sarah L., Minnie J., Ella L., Emma and Annie C. Alonzo attended the common schools of Ohio until eighteen years of age; at nineteen he went to work for John Cline, near Frankfort, where he remained during the years 1878-9.

On March 20, 1879, he was united in matrimony with Mary Cozad, daughter of Abraham and Anna (Graves) Cozad. Mr. Cozad was a merchant, Justice of the Peace and attorney of Allensville, in Vinton county. The year 1880 was spent in Nebraska. In the spring of 1881 Mr. Swepston returned to the old homestead, where he remained until October 20, 1883, when he moved to the Cline farm near Frankfort. He came to Chillicothe, January 1, 1891, to accept the appointment of Deputy Sheriff of Ross county under Sheriff John Blacker. He has followed the vocation of auctioneer

ever since he was seventeen years old, and has been State and City Auctioneer for three years. During the nineteen years that he has swung the hammer he has conducted a great number of public sales and sold many head of horses and cattle. For a year, 1893-4, he was the popular host of the Nelson House. During his career as a farmer he put in thirteen seasons at running a threshing machine, in various parts of the Scioto valley, establishing a reputation among the farmers for uprightness and honesty. In 1894 he was nominated for Sheriff, on the Democratic ticket. His children are: Algy C., Robert E. and Mattie.

REV. OTTO WILLIAM SCHETTLER, pastor of Salem Church, Evangelical, was born December 4, 1837, in Vathingen, on the river Ems, Wurtemberg, Germany, descendant of a family of preachers and architects dating back 300 years. The earliest of his ancestry of whom we have any accurate knowledge was Christian Schettler, an architect, who, with his wife, Appolonia, was expelled from Hungary, on account of his religious beliefs, in the year 1607. He located in Wurtemberg, bought a piece of land in an isolated spot near Stuttgart and built a house, which is still standing, and bears the name of Appolonia Hoff (home). One of his sons was Casper, who spent forty-two years in the ministry, in the city of Lauffen, near the river Niger. He was the author of a communion book, which was published in 1702, and is still in the possession of the family. He had a large number of children, one of whom, Ernest, was a military Chaplain. One of the sons of the last mentioned was A. L. Schettler, a preacher and author, who was for several years a pastor, in Paris, to the German Embassador, about the year 1800. He composed a theological work, which was preserved in manuscript and published by his descendants in 1874. His son was Jacob, a civil engineer and architect. His son William was born in Wurtemberg, in 1809, and after serving a few years in the German military, died, in July, 1837, leaving a young wife, Minnie Schettler, who, on her mother's side, was a descendant of a noble family. She had her first child a few months after her husband's death, namely, Otto William, the subject of this sketch.

Mr. Schettler was educated in the public schools until his tenth year, when he attended the "real" school and gymnasium four years in his native city. From there he attended college in Maulbron, where he took up theological studies, graduating in April, 1855. In December of the same year, in company with his mother and her family (for she had married again) he took passage for America in the French propeller Helvetia. First stopping in Buffalo, New York, he finished his studies there, under the direction of Dr. Otto Burger and Prof. Alhaus, in a practical school of theology, and during the latter part of his four years' term there he commenced preaching. Graduating in 1859, he was ordained July 25, of the same year. He afterward had the charge of congregations in Hamburg, New York, Michigan City, Indiana, eight years in Cleveland, Ohio, and thirteen years in Massillon, this State, coming to Chillicothe in 1891. He has had several offices of trust and honor in the Synod, and since 1883 he has been Treasurer of the Orphans and Widows' Fund for the entire Synod in America.

May 5, 1868, he was united in matri-

Dr. J. C. Hoffine.

mony with Augusta Klupfer, also a descendant from a long line of preachers. Her parents were Rudolph and Augusta (Colb) Klopfer. Her father, a German druggist, was born April 16, 1809, a son of Rev. Christian Magnus Klopfer, who was the son of one of the college professors in Murrhardt, Germany. The family tree of Augusta Colb is in the possession of Rev. Schettler's family. It dates back to Eutychus Colb, who died about 1550, and thence is a continuous line of professors and ministers.

Mr. Schettler's work is highly prized by his church, as is evidenced by the attendance at services. The Ladies' Aid Society of this church has eighty-two members, and the Young People's Society has thirty-eight members, and are a welcome support of the church.

On April 3, 1893, the old McClintic homestead on High street was purchased for use as a parsonage and has been refitted, but not in such a manner as to destroy any of its quaintness. The room where Mr. McClintic was born is now the pastor's study. Mr. Schettler, in keeping with his love of the beautiful, has planted the grounds with flowering plants and shrubs, and in the summer the premises are a veritable bower of beauty. He has utilized the old smokehouse and cellar by replacing the roof with glass, making it a winter receptacle for his choicest plants.

JO. HOFFHINE, M. D., one of the well-known physicians of Frankfort, Ross county, Ohio, is justly entitled to some personal mention in the history of his county.

Dr. Hoffhine was born in Jackson county, Ohio, September 10, 1853, son of George Hoffhine and grandson of William Hoffhine. William Hoffhine, a native of Germany, emigrated to this country and located in Pennsylvania, whence he subsequently removed to Vinton county, Ohio, where he died at the age of eighty-four years. George Hoffhine was born in Pennsylvania, and from that State came with his father to Ohio, where his life has been spent in agricultural pursuits. Since 1861 he has been a resident of Vinton county, and is now living at Hamden, having attained his eighty-first year. His first wife, *nee* Maria Ayers, died in 1861, leaving two sons and two daughters, Dr. J. O. Hoffhine being the youngest of the four and the only one of that number now living. The father was afterward married again, and by his second wife has two children.

Dr. Hoffhine grew up on his father's farm, and after completing his studies in the common schools entered the high school in Hamden, where he graduated in due time. In 1874 he began the study of medicine under the instructions of Drs. Wolf and Rannells, at McArthur. He continued with them until the spring of 1877, in the meantime attending the Starling Medical College, at Columbus, where he received his degree that spring. In April, 1877, he came to Frankfort, Ross county, and entered upon his professional career. Here he at once built up a large and lucrative practice, which he has had the good fortune to retain.

He was married in 1880 to Miss Gertrude A. McNeill, a native of this place. Her grandfather came to Frankfort when it was nothing but an Indian village, having come hither from Moorefield, Virginia. He lived to an advanced age and died here. Her father, Rhese McNeill, a wealthy far-

mer of this vicinity, died in January, 1886. He was twice married, Mrs. Hoffhine being one of the two children by his last wife. She is a graduate of the Hillsborough (Ohio) Female Seminary. The doctor and his wife have three children: John, Charles and Fannie M.

Ever since he took up his residence in Frankfort, Dr. Hoffhine has been prominently identified with its various interests. He affiliates with the Democratic party and takes quite an active part in local politics, having held various municipal offices. He served twelve years as a member of the town Council, and at this writing is a member of the Board of Health. He is also a member of the Ross County Board of Pension Examiners. Fraternally, he is a Knight Templar Mason. Both he and his wife are active in church circles, both being identified with the Methodist Episcopal Church, in which he is serving as a member of the official board. He has from time to time made investments in real estate and has come into the possession of a large amount of property. He owns two farms in Concord township, this county, one comprising 110 acres and the other 130 acres. He also owns 800 acres of land in Halifax county, Virginia.

JOHN MATTHEW WADDEL, manufacturer, Greenfield, Ohio, was born at Chillicothe, Ohio, January 4, 1853. Mr. Waddel is a fine example of the wide-awake, progressive "Buckeye," and to his exertions principally is due the building up of one of the largest manufactories in the county. His factories now (October, 1894) are running day and night, and are still unable to supply the demand for the goods they turn out. A portrait and biography of his father, John Freshbom Waddel, appears elsewhere in this work. His mother, Hannah Wiley, was a daughter of Col. John and Rachel Jones.

Our subject attended school until sixteen years of age, and then began to earn his own living by assisting his father in his various business enterprises. He continued to be associated with his father up to 1889. Mr. Waddel is a man of very active mind, and during the twenty years he was associated with his father, he had been developing plans for future work. Being a born genius, his mind was always working out some invention. Mr. Waddel soon learned, however, that what seemed of the most importance to the inventor was really of the least importance to the business world, and the least remunerative. Hence, he soon learned that lesson which is so hard for the inventor to learn, viz., to invent practical things for which there will be a market as soon as they are manufactured. This is the secret of Mr. Waddel's success, and many inventors of the present day might pattern after him with much benefit to themselves.

In 1888 Mr. Waddel secured a patent on a coffee-mill handle. It is a very simple affair, is made a part of the ordinary hand coffee-mill, and is intended to hold the mill secure on the table, or in the lap, while operating. Up to the time of this invention it was customary to make the mill secure by fastening it to the wall, or to some stationary object. Mr. Waddel manufactured the entire mill, owning the patent on nothing but the handle, however. He began their manufacture by making five dozen a day. He is is now turning out fifty dozen

a day. Mr. Waddel secured the patent of his famous animal spring trap in 1890. This simple device for catching rats, mice and other small animals is such a favorite that it may be found in the smallest as well as the largest stores in all parts of the country. Its manufacture commenced at the rate of two gross per day. Some idea of its popularity may be obtained in noting the fact that over 500,000 have already been put on the market. He also makes a box rat trap.

In 1892 our subject was joint inventor and secured patent on the "Simplex" cash register and manufactured several thousand registers before turning the business over to another company. Mr. Waddel also manufactures money drawers, library ink-stands and other novelties. His latest invention, for which application for patent has been made, is a combined cigar show-case and money-drawer, which is so constructed that when the money drawer is closed the case is automatically locked. The sale of this case is very large, no less than four or five thousand having been sold in the few months the case has been in the market. Mr Waddel operates two factories in Greenfield in which he alone is interested, and employs about seventy-five workmen. He is also a large stockholder in the Sun Manufacturing Company, located in Greenfield, which company he originated under the name of the John M. Waddel Manufacturing Company. In the spring of 1893 he purchased from the McKell heirs a tract of fifty acres of land adjoining the town of Greenfield, on the south-west, and platted same into 300 dwelling and factory lots. By his energy over 100 of these lots were sold in a few months and a number of nice dwellings erected by workingmen and others. If hard work and industries will build up the town of Greenfield Mr. Waddel will certainly come in for his share of the credit. He was married November 13, 1873, to Miss Nellie, only child of Lewis N. and Julia A. Phelps. His children are: Lewis P., aged twenty years; Nellie, aged seventeen; Neal P., aged twelve; and Dean T., aged nine.

LUCIEN JEROME FENTON, a resident of Winchester, Ohio, and the Congressman-elect for the Tenth Congressinoial District, was born on his father's farm near Winchester, May 7, 1844.

The Fentons are of English descent. Mr. Fenton's great-grandfather, the founder of the American branch of the family, emigrated from Yorkshire, England, to this country in the latter part of the eighteenth century and settled in the Shenandoah valley, Virginia. He was a prominent and active patriot during the Revolutionary period, His son, Jeremiah Fenton, grandfather of our subject, was born in Frederick county, Virginia, and died in Adams county, Ohio, in 1841, at the age of seventy-seven years. From Virginia he moved to Mason county, Kentucky, where he lived two years and from whence he came to Adams county, Ohio. At the latter place he purchased 500 acres of land on Brush creek. The county was then very sparsely settled and Mr. Fenton had but few neighbors. His wife, whose maiden name was Rosannah Lawrence, was a native of Fayette county, Pennsylvania, where Mr. Fenton met her while visiting relatives. The children were as follows: William; John; Elizabeth, wife of Judge James Eyler; Jesse; Mary, wife of

John Baird; Catharine, wife of Benjamin Eckman; Jeremiah; George; Benjamin; and Joseph, who died when quite young.

Benjamin Fenton, the father of our subject, was born on the old home farm near Winchester, August 31, 1810, died August 13, 1870. His whole life was spent in agricultural pursuits. He was married in 1838 to Elizabeth Smith, who was born in Smithfield, Pennsylvania, December 19, 1813, and who died November 5, 1892. Her father was of Scotch-Irish descent, and was the first of the family to emigrate to America. In 1821 he came to Ohio, and his death occurred here in 1843. He was one of the fathers of the town of Smithfield, Pennsylvania, and helped to lay it out. Benjamin and Elizabeth Fenton had seven children namely: Rosa Juliet, who died at the age of twenty-five; Mary Lydia, who married John E. McKnight, an attorney of Missouri, formerly of Brown county, Ohio; Lucien Jerome, whose name heads this article; Emma Catharine, who died at thirty years of age; Priscilla Adelaide; Martha Elizabeth; and Albert Washington, a farmer of Brown county. With this brief glimpse of his family history, we now turn to the life of our subject.

Lucien Jerome Fenton was a student in the school at Winchester when the war broke out. August 11, 1862, he enlisted in Company I, Ninety-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was with his regiment until September 19, 1864, when he was wounded at the battle of Opequan Creek, in an engagement with General Early, Sheridan commanding the Union forces. The wound was from a ball which struck his shoulder. He was taken to the hospital at York, Pennsylvania, and was not discharged until May 25, 1865. The war being about over by this time, he returned home, and in July began a normal course at the Lebanon University, where he remained three terms. He then taught school several terms. In 1869 he entered the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, and took a Latin and scientific course, leaving the institution the year before his graduation in order to accept the principalship of the Winchester schools, which he held for two years. He was then called to take charge of the West Union schools which he conducted one year, when he was offered the principalship of the Manchester schools, Manchester being the largest town in the county. Although he had attained this important position, Mr. Fenton's ambition was not satisfied and he determined to quit the profession and strike out for higher honors.

In December, 1880, he resigned the principalship of the Manchester schools, and about this time was appointed clerk under Colonel Wrotnoski, Superintendent of Construction United States Custom House, located at New Orleans. At his own request he was transferred to the Treasury Department and took up his residence in Washington, March 15, 1881, having been appointed to a position in the office of the supervising architect. He remained in this position until October 18, 1884, when he resigned because of private affairs which called him home. The fall previous he had returned to Winchester and organized the Winchester Bank, with a capital of $50,000. The original directors of this bank were as follows: George Baird, president; J. W. Rotrock, vice-president; L. J. Fenton, cashier; James H. Crissman, William Smith and James O. Smith. Mr. Fenton is still the cashier of this bank, and William Kleinknecht is now president.

Mr. Fenton was marrried May 22, 1872, to Miss Belle Manker, daughter of William W. and Ann (Leggett) Manker. Their children are: Alberta Florence, Clifton Lucien, and Mary Elizabeth.

In his political affiliations Mr. Fenton has always been a Republican. His father was in early life an old-line Whig, but later became identified with the Republican party. In 1888 Lucien J. was the nominee of his party for County Clerk, but owing to the strong Democratic majority he was defeated. That same year he was a candidate for nomination before the Republican convention held at Gallipolis, and after 820 ballots he withdrew in favor of Judge A. C. Thompson, of Portsmouth, who was nominated and sent to Congress. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Minneapolis in 1892. The death of General William H. Enochs left a vacancy in the tenth district in 1893. Mr. Fenton was again a candidate. After he had received 1,897 ballots he threw his strength to Hon. H. S. Bundy, of Jackson. At the convention held at Portsmouth June 21, 1894, he was unanimously nominated and later elected by the largest majority ever given a candidate in this district, receiving a plurality of 10,000.

Mr. Fenton is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. orders, and G. A. R , and in social as well as business and political circles he stands high. As a teacher, the young men and young women of the county know him and look up to him; as a financier, their fathers trust him; and now he launches out into his political career with the full confidence of his constituents. As his past career has been so full of progress and success, we may with confidence predict for him an enviable record in the future.

CHARLES ALLEN WOODMANSEE, a farmer of Leesburg, Ohio, was born near New Lexington, Ohio, July 30, 1860. He is descended from a pioneer stock. His great-grandfather, Samuel Woodmansee, was born in Manmouth county, New Jersey, December 27, 1754, and was a farmer by occupation. He moved westward to Highland county, Ohio, in 1819, and shortly after bought about 700 acres of land, a part of the original Conway military survey, nearly all of the original purchase still being owned by his descendants. His wife, Alice, *nee* Jeffrey, was born in New Jersey, March 8, 1761. They were married in 1776, the year of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Their children are: Job, born September 7, 1777; Mary, born May 22, 1779, married M. Tilton; David, born March 12, 1781; Francis, May 10, 1783; Isaac, May 13, 1785; Penelope, born May 6, 1787, married M. Potter; Hannah, born April 2, 1789, married Mr. Potter, brother of her sister's husband; James, born November 17, 1792; Lydia, born January 2, 1795, married Mr. Davis; Samuel, born December 15, 1797; Alice, born January 6, 1799, married Mr. Valentine; and Phoebe, born January 6, 1799, married Dr. Conway, of Cincinnati. All of the children came to Ohio at various times except Penelope, Hannah and Lydia, all of whom married in New Jersey. Phoebe married Dr. Conway, a descendant of Joseph Conway, the original owner of the "Conway Grant." Francis was the wealthiest of the family, and when he came to Ohio, brought about $50,000 with him. He was a sailor, and followed coasting off the coast of New Jersey prior to his coming to Ohio. He became a large land owner in Highland county, purchasing among other

large tracts one of 300 acres from ex-Governor Allen Trimble.

Samuel Woodmansee, father of the above children, died April 26, 1837, and is buried in the cemetery at New Lexington, Ohio. His wife died March 1, 1836, and rests by his side. Their grandchild, G. W. Woodmansee, of New Lexington, Ohio, has the old family bible in his possession. The bible was published in Philadelphia, May 8, 1805, and sold for six dollars. It is bound in leather, and even at this late day is in a good state of preservation. G. W. Woodmansee also has possession of the original patent to 2,400 acres of land given by the Government to Lieutenant Joseph Conway, the grant being known as the "Conway Military Grant." The patent states that the land was given in acknowledgment of seven years' service rendered in the Revolutionary war by Lieutenant Joseph Conway. It is written on parchment made from the skin of a sheep, is dated at Philadelphia, August 10, 1790, and is signed by John Adams, President of the United States of America.

The subject of this mention, Charles Allen Woodmansee, is a son of James and Sarah Woodmansee. The mother is a daughter of Moses and Catherine (Underwood) Smith, and was born in Highland county, Ohio, September 11, 1823. The children of Moses Smith and wife are: James, Elizabeth, Margaret, who married Mr. Brown; Ann, who married Mr. Brook; Moses; Catherine; Mary, now Mrs. Duncan, resides in Portland, Oregon; Sarah, mother of our subject; Matilda, who died when young; and Alvira, who married Mr. Browse. All of the children are deceased excepting Mary and Sarah. The parents of our subject were married June 20, 1841. Their children are: Columbus, born December 10, 1844, married Polly Luttrell, and is a farmer in Clinton county; Matilda Ann, born September 5, 1846, married Cyrus Thornburg, a farmer of this county; Sarah Mary, born March 14, 1848, married Dr. William B. Graham, and is living in Indiana; Alice, born February 12, 1853, first married P. P. Cline, by whom she had one child, Marie, and after her husband's death she married Dr. Joseph Kyle; James Smith, born August 29, 1856, married Ida May Tildon, and is a farmer of this county; and Charles Allen, subject of this sketch.

Charles A. receiveda good public-school education, and in the fall of 1878, began teaching, which calling he pursued for three years. He then returned to farming, and spent one year on the farm owned by his father-in-law, Manlove Adams, near New Lexington, Ohio. During the following year he farmed on the place owned by his mother, and February 26, 1885, he came to the farm where he now lives, near Leesburg, Ohio. This place consists of 224 acres, and was a present to Mrs. Woodmansee from her father, Manlove Adams, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the community.

Mr. Woodmansee was married September 14, 1882, to Miss Ida Elizabeth, daughter of Manlove and Mary Ann (Fulks) Adams. Their children are: Hester Grace, born May 21, 1886; and Peter Leslie, born October 21, 1889.

CHESTER C. W. NAYLOR, lawyer, Manchester, Ohio, was born on his father's farm, located on Gift Ridge, Adams county, Ohio, October 20, 1849. His great-great-grand-

father was born in England, emigrated to America, and settled near Lexington, Massachusetts. James Naylor, great-grandfather of our subject, was born on this New England farm, and it is handed down by tradition that he, his father, and four brothers participated in the battle of Lexington, the first battle of the war of the Revolution. At the close of the war James Naylor settled near Cumberland, Maryland, and later passed over the mountains and located on Beaver creek, Pennsylvania, about forty miles below Pittsburg. In moving over the Alleghany mountains, his wife rode one horse with four children—two before and two behind her, while he, with all their household effects loaded on another horse, led the way. Mr. Naylor remained but a short time on Beaver creek. He and a neighbor named Mehaffey built a flat-boat, and with their families and household goods, together with a boy by the name of David Young, started down the Ohio river. This was about the year 1792. It may be well to state here that the boy, David Young, settled at Youngsville, Ohio, and for him the town was named. Naylor, Mehaffey and Young were among the earliest pioneers of Adams county.

The trip to Limestone (Maysville), Kentucky, was made in three days, owing to the exceptionally high stage of water. It usually took from six to nine days to make the distance on a flat-boat. The members of this party were novices in the boating business, and did not know how to land when they had reached their destination. They were afraid of the Indians also. Hence they made fast their boat with grapevines and awaited for something to develop. Finally the citizens came to their relief and assisted them to land.

Mr. Naylor now located his family at Washington, Kentucky, four miles south of Maysville. He remained there till the spring of 1796, when he moved to Gift Ridge, Adams county, about five miles north-east of Manchester, Ohio. When Mrs. Naylor left Beaver creek she brought with her a jar of apples, and while living at Washington she planted the seeds from these apples. The scions were transplanted on the farm at Gift Ridge, and from this sprang the "Naylor" apples, well known throughout the State and country. Mr. Naylor was married twice, his first wife being a Miss Bunket. The youngest daughter (Hannah) by the first wife, married John Washburn, a brother of the wife of Zephaniah Wade. His oldest daughter (Ann) by his second wife (Margaret Parker) married Mark Pennywitt. His other children were: Benjamin, Samuel (grandfather of our subject) David, James and Jane. Hannah, Ann and Benjamin came down on the flat-boat. Samuel was born at Washington Kentucky. The others were born on Gift Ridge. Benjamin, David and James moved West about the year 1828. Benjamin and David located in Vermillion county, Indiana. David settled in Edgar county, Illinois. Samuel Naylor lived and died on the old homestead. He married Sallie Tucker, and to them were born a family of seven sons and four daughters. The descendants of these children are scattered throughout the West.

Samuel Parker Naylor, father of our subject, was born at the old homestead on Gift Ridge, November 6, 1827, and died at Manchester, September 28, 1875. For a time he operated a ferry boat at Manchester, and later he ran a small steamer between Cincinnati, Maysville and Manchester.

In 1856 he opened a general merchandise store at Wrightsville, Ohio, which was burned out in 1858, and he then came to Manchester.

He was married January 1, 1849, to Elizabeth Jane Taylor. Their children are: Chester Charles Webster, subject of this sketch; Statira Izella N. married Marion Tucker and died in Iowa; Suppress Hale Winfield, who died in childhood; Cassius Howard Sandefur, born January 21, 1856; he was engineer on the steamer Fayeton, and killed by a boiler explosion, June 28, 1881; Sarah A. E., married Noah Ellis, and is living in Manchester; Lola Montez Zula, now deceased, married Chas. Geirke; William Wilberforce and Samuel died when quite small; Emma Alice Carey married J. B. Wilson, a merchant at Sand Hill, Kentucky.

Mr. Naylor, politically, supported Fremont during that campaign. In 1860 he voted for Lincoln. He cast one of the three votes polled for the first Free-soil candidate in Monroe town, Adams county.

Mr. C. C. W. Naylor, subject of this sketch, began teaching at Wrightsville, Ohio, when seventeen years of age, and pursued this calling till 1872. During the last three years of his teaching he read law under the direction of Edward P. Evans (see sketch elsewhere), of West Union. He was admitted to the practice of the law October 20, 1870.

In the spring of '73 he formed a law partnership with Mr. Evans, at West Union, under the name of Evans & Naylor. This partnership continued until 1879. In 1880 he became deputy Auditor under R. H. Ellison, and filled that position during Mr. Ellison's term. He came to Manchester February 7, 1882, and accepted the position of cashier of the Manchester Bank. Mr. Naylor held his relation to this bank until 1890. January, 1891, he opened a law office at Manchester, Ohio, which he conducts at the present day.

Mr. Naylor was married June 1, 1875, to Nannie Irene Coryell. Her father was Judge James Lewis Coryell, of West Union. Her mother was Mary McGranaghan, a native of Virginia.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. W. Naylor are: Mary Elizabeth, born July 16, 1876; and Winona Gwendolin, born June 27, 1881. The last-named graduated from the Manchester public schools, and is at present a teacher in the same.

ENOCH LAWSON WATSON, retired farmer, Manchester, Ohio, was born January 23, 1823, on the farm now owned by himself, and located on the Ohio river, four miles below Manchester.

Michael Watson, grandfather of our subject, came West from the eastern shore of Maryland in 1790, and located in Adams county. His children were: Aaron, Michael, Nancy (who married Simon Strode), Mrs. Aaron Moore, Mrs. Solomon Shepard, Mrs. McConnaughey, Abraham (father of our subject), and one other, a girl, name not remembered.

Joseph Moore, maternal grandfather of our subject, was born in the State of New Jersey, June 9, 1754. He was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church. About 1780, he emigrated to Virginia, and ten years later moved to Kentucky. In those early days the Indians were so numerous and warlike that it was necessary for emigrants to travel in large parties. There

were twelve boats, commanded by Captain Forman, in the party in which Mr. Moore traveled. They embarked at the old Red Stone Fort, on Monongahela river, and came on down the Ohio, until Limestone (Maysville) was reached December 25, 1790. There was but one log cabin at this point then, built by one of the Boonès. The water was so low and the mud so deep on the bank, that the emigrants were obliged to take their vehicles apart and carry them off the boats, piece at a time. Mr. Moore and family now moved back beyond the Kentucky river in order to escape the Indians. One year later he returned to Mason county, and located about six miles from Limestone. In 1800 he moved onto the Brush creek branch of the Scioto river, in order to get into a community of his old New Jersey neighbors. Later he bought the farm now owned by Elijah Kimball, and lived there until his death in 1822. Both he and his wife are buried on this place. Rebecca, wife of Joseph Moore, and maternal grandmother of our subject, was born in New Jersey, June 1, 1755. She was a daughter of Nathaniel Foster (see sketch of W. S. Foster). She died in July, 1833, and is buried by the side of her husband, on the old farm, as stated above.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Moore are: Sarah, born July 18, 1774; Nathaniel, born March 25, 1775; Aaron, born February 21, 1778. He married, and had the following children: Joseph, born January 1, 1798; Michael, born June 30, 1799; Jemima, born September 6, 1801. Mary, mother of our subject. John, born August 3, 1782. He died in Iroquois county, Illinois, leaving a family of eight boys and three girls. Foster, born May 10, 1785. He was married in this (Adams) county, was thrown from a horse and killed when quite young. He left a wife and one child, Rebecca. The daughter married Jessie Williams, of Adams county. Jemima was born June 19, 1787. She never married. Joseph was born February 13, 1790. He married Mary Lawson, who bore him the following children: Maria, William, Burroughs, Jane, Joseph, Thomas Ewing (died in infancy), and Susan. He died in Scioto county, October, 1884. Forman, born June 20, 1792. Rebecca, born December, 1794. Burroughs, born October 12, 1798. His wife, Eliza Rogers, was born November 15, 1799. Their children were: Nathan Foster, born November 29, 1822; Ann Maria, born August 5, 1823; Joseph Burroughs, born November 25, 1825. There were other children.

Abraham Watson, father of our subject, was born in Mason county, Kentucky, October 25, 1773. In 1804, he moved to Adams county, Ohio, and purchased the tract of land described at the beginning of this article, on which our subject was born. In 1819, he built the brick house, which is still standing, and in a good state of preservation. The brick for this house were burned on the farm. Mary Moore, mother of our subject, was born May 29, 1780, and died February 10, 1864. Mr. Watson, her husband, died November 7, 1847. They are both buried on the old home place, where they spent the latter years of their life.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Watson are: Rebecca, born November 7, 1797, married John Lawson; Elizabeth, born September 17, 1799, married Enoch Lawson, a brother of John; Ann, born October 1, 1802, married Joseph Britton; Joseph, born October 15, 1804; Michael, born June 15, 1807, now living at Moultre, Kansas;

Aaron, born April 14, 1809; Maria, born January 27, 1811, married Morris Hayslit, and is now living at Topeka, Kansas; Foster Moore, born March 23, 1813; Sarah Burris, born May 18, 1815, married William Hill, and is living at Carrollton, Carroll county, Missouri; John Fowman, born December 5, 1818; Mary Jane, born August 6, 1820, married Joseph Hall; Enoch Lawson, subject of this mention, and the youngest child.

Mr. E. L. Watson remained on the home place after his father's death, and bought out the interests of the other ten heirs. There were 235 acres in the farm at that time. He conducted this farm till March 1892, when he practically withdrew from active business, and moved to Manchester, where he now resides with his wife and two children.

He was married November 18, 1846, to Lucinda Bowles. Mrs. Watson was a daughter of Thomas and Anna (Bonar) Bowles, and was born May 22, 1824. The children of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Watson are: Anna Wiley, born November 28, 1847: her husband is financial officer at the State Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Columbus, Ohio. They were married September 5, 1868, and their children are: Lulu Emma, and William Summonds.

William Nelson was born July 1, 1849. For a time he conducted his father's farm. May 23, 1887, he entered the Farmers' Bank, at Manchester, Ohio, in a clerical capacity, and is at present cashier of that institution.

Mary, born October 25, 1852, married Robert K. Moore, May 9, 1894, and is residing in Manchester.

Eliza Arabella, born December 25, 1854, was married in January, 1872, to W. A. Underwood, of Delaware, Ohio. Her husband died January 31, 1886; her children are Maud and Kate.

Alice Cora, was born October 4, 1857. She married James D. Mott, in March, 1885, and has one child, Clarence W. Mr. Mott is farming the old home place.

Emma Florence was born December 8, 1860. She married William McNeeley, June 14, 1882, and is living in Orlinda, Robertson county, Tennessee, where Mr. McNeely is teaching in the public schools. Their children are: Cary W., Earl and Luciele.

E. L. Watson is a man of great force of character. Reared a Democrat, he continued to vote that ticket until the organization of the Prohibition party, with which he allied himself, believing the liquor traffic to be the greatest curse of the country. Now in his seventy-first year, and the youngest of a family of twelve children, all of whom have made their mark as pioneers in the great and growing West, he is living quietly with his wife and children, happy in a Christian life well spent.

ROBERT OLIVER, a wealthy and retired farmer at Kingston, was born in Greene township, Ross county, September 17, 1824, a son of John Oliver, who was born in county Derry, Ireland, in 1773. He emigrated to America in 1796, was engaged in farming in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania, six years, followed the same occupation near Hagerstown, Maryland, and December 31, 1812, came with a six-horse team to Ross county, Ohio. He purchased a tract of land in the southern part of this township, where a log house had been erected, and a small piece of land cleared. Mr. Oliver owned over

500 acres of land at the time of his death, which occurred February 12, 1852. He served through the war of 1812, and after returning home was engaged in freighting provisions for the army to Upper Sandusky. He began life for himself with comparatively nothing, having had less than $5 when he landed on American soil, and made all he owned by hard work and economy. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church. The mother of our subject *née* Mary Beck, was a native of Maryland, and her death occurred in September, 1852. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver had nine children, four of whom are now deceased: John, who departed this life July 24, 1832, at the age of seventeen years; Mary, wife of Jacob Davis, died in 1847; the youngest daughter, Jane, wife of Frederick Overly, died January 23, 1883; and Hannah, formerly the wife of Elezier Cowgill, died in Columbus, Ohio, July 17, 1893. The living children are: William, born in 1808, is a farmer of McLean county, Illinois, was married in Ross county, Ohio, in 1833; Nancy, wife of John W. Arrowsmith, also of that county; Jackson, a retired farmer at LeRoy, Illinois; and Henry, a farmer living near Springfield, Sangamon county, that State.

Robert Oliver, the subject of this sketch, was born in the log house built by his father, and remained on the old Oliver homestead sixty-seven years. He attended school from two to four months in each year. In 1852, after his father's death, he inherited the home farm, which consists of 290 acres, and he also owns 160 acres in Pickaway township, Pickaway county, in the Kinnickinnick valley. Mr. Oliver is now interested in fine blooded Shropshire sheep. In 1891 he rented his land and moved to Kingston. In political matters, Mr. Oliver affiliates with the Democratic party, has served as School Director for twenty-eight years, is a member of the Kingston Council, has served as administrator for several different estates, has been a delegate to various conventions, and on several occasions has had the power to act as an attorney.

Mr. Oliver was married April 4, 1854, to Miss Emily Ritter, who was born and reared on the farm adjoining her husband's home, a daughter of Richard Ritter. The latter emigrated from Virginia to Ohio in an early day, and his death occurred February 22, 1843, at the age of fifty-six years. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. Mr. and Mrs. Ritter have had eight children, and two sons died September 27, 1828. Six of the children grew to years of maturity, namely: William G., a physician, followed his profession at Adelphi, Ohio, about forty years, after which his health failed, and he moved to Kingston, where he died eleven months afterward—November 18, 1891; Mary is the wife of Inglebert Better, a farmer of Greene township, and they have five children; Minerva, wife of Clayton Hickle, a farmer of Pickaway county; William H. married Alice Correll, and they reside on the old home farm; John J., a farmer and stock-raiser of Greene township, married Ida Miller; and Laura and Rosa at home. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver are members of the German Reformed Church.

JOHN B. EAGLESON, deceased, was for more than three-score years a well known figure in the history of Ross county.

He was born in Harrison county, this State, July 31, 1809, a son of William

Eagleson, who was a native of county Antrim, Ireland. The father bade farewell to his beloved land in 1803, and after his arrival in America, came to Ohio, and settled in Harrison county. There he purchased land and was one of the pioneers of that section, aiding very materially in the development of the natural resources of Harrison county. He was married to Margaret Beaty in Ireland. She lived to the age of ninety-seven years, while he lived only to his fifty-seventh year. Both were devout members of the Presbyterian Church. They reared three children, namely: William, the eldest, who died a few years ago, in Union township, where he had resided since 1832. He married Matilda Biggert, and after her death was married a second time. He died at the age of eighty-two years, the father of nine children. Jane, the second of the family, became the wife of Matthew McKibben and the mother of eleven children, and resided in Knox county, this State.

The subject of this notice, the youngest of the family, passed his youth upon the frontier, attending the common schools in the primitive log school-house of the day. In 1832 he accompanied his brother, William, to Ross county, first settling on land which William owned in Greene township, and later John B. purchased his present farm in Union township. Here he owned 153½ acres, which he brought to a high state of cultivation.

In the fall of 1853 he was united in marriage with Elizabeth Hedrick, a native of Virginia, born in Giles county in 1819. Her parents, Abraham and Sarah (Tawny) Hedrick, moved to Ohio in 1832 and located in Union township, Ross county. The father was a native of Tennessee and the mother was a Virginian. They moved to Tippecanoe county, Indiana, where they passed their last days, he dying in his ninety-eighth year, and she at the age of sixty-two years. They were the parents of nine children, six of whom are living. Both were devout members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. and Mrs. Eagleson had four children, viz.: Sarah J., deceased, Jane Ann, Matilda and William. Jane is the wife of Edward Overly, a farmer of Union township.

In politics Mr. Eagleson acted with the Democratic party. During his long residence in this county he witnessed the wonderful growth and development that have resulted from untiring industry of the pioneers and their children, and bravely carried his share of the burden. He died in 1894, a man of unquestioned integrity, and enjoying the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

DANIEL COLLIER, Deputy Clerk for the courts of Adams county and a merchant of Dunkinsville, was born in this county, four miles east of Dunkinsville, in Tiffin township, on Brush creek, February 12, 1843, a son of Luther and Mary (Thompson) Collier, who went from Maryland to Kentucky, and in 1795 or '96 came to Adams county, locating on Brush creek. He married Elizabeth Prather, and they both died in this county.

The subject of this sketch was reared on Brush creek until he reached the age of twenty years, when he went into the mercantile business at Dunkinsville. After about five years he went to Russellville, Brown county, where he worked on a farm about ten years. He then went into the County Clerk's office as a deputy under G.

W. Pettit, and served there six years. Next he engaged in farming, but after a time became Deputy Sheriff under W. P. Newman, and served in that capacity about eighteen months, then he again resumed farming; but on the 9th of February, 1893, he again became Deputy Sheriff, under Oscar C. Reynolds, and still holds that position. In the latter part of 1893 he resumed mercantile business in Dunkinsville.

He was married in 1868, to Feliza F. Phillips, who died in 1870. By that marriage there were three children, all of whom died in infancy. For his second wife Mr. Collier married Dora L. Jones, who died in 1880, leaving one child, Bertha May.

Mr. Collier is Recording Secretary of Jacksonville Lodge, I. O. O. F., and has passed the chairs of Dart Encampment at West Union, He is an active Democrat, taking an active part in the work of his party.

JOHN WILLIAM JONES, Superintendent of the Manchester public schools, and principal of the Southern Ohio Normal School, Manchester, Ohio, was born on his father's farm, near Mineral Springs postoffice, Adams county, Ohio, January 25, 1861.

Professor Jones has always taken an active interest in public school affairs, and it would be impossible to write of the educational interests of the territory covered by this history without giving him more than a passing notice.

His parents were Samuel and Sophia (*nèe* Clark) Jones, and our subject is the fifth of a family of eight children, two of whom, besides himself, are teachers.

His ancestors on both sides of the house were pedagogically inclined, and we find both the Clarks and the Joneses among the first schoolmasters of the State. It is not to be remarked, therefore, when we see didactic characteristics so largely developed in the present generation.

Until seventeen years old our subject lived on a farm and had the privilege of attending only the country public schools. He then took a twelve weeks' term at the private school of Professor James Compton, at Jacksonville, Adams county, Ohio. When eighteen years of age he stood the regular county examination at West Union, and secured a fourth-grade certificate to teach, and immediately entered upon that vocation in the Beech Fork district, where he taught for three years. In 1883 he was made principal of the public schools at Rome, Ohio, and served for one year. He took charge of the Manchester public schools in 1885, being the successor of Hon. Lucien J. Fenton, Congressman elect from the Tenth district, and is still (1894) filling that position. Professor Jones held a fourth-grade certificate for only a short time. By hard study and diligent application he soon prepared himself for a second examination, which he passed successfully, securing the highest certificate given by the county.

In the course of several years, by teaching in the winter and working at manual labor during the summer months, our subject succeeded in saving enough money to enable him to attend college. He accordingly pursued the scientific course at the National Normal University, Lebanon, Ohio, and, graduating in the class of 1885, received the degree of B. S.

In 1888, Professor Jones appeared before the State Board of School Examiners, at Columbus, Ohio, and after a rigid exam-

ination, was granted a high school life certificate, this being the first ever issued in the tenth Congressional district of Ohio. In 1893 he received the degree of Bachelor of Pedagogy from the Ohio University, at Athens, having taken a post-graduate course at that institution.

During the summer months Professor Jones has charge of the Southern Ohio Normal School, located at Manchester, Ohio, and is assisted by a corps of six teachers. He is also frequently called to other points to lecture and teach before normals and institutes.

Politically, our subject is a Republican. He was nominated by his party in 1887 for County Auditor, but, owing to the large Democratic majority, was defeated with the balance of the ticket. Later he served as Auditor, by appointment, for an interim of ten months.

He is a member of the Presbyterian Church, and has served as Trustee of the Manchester church for the past eight years.

Professor Jones was married November 26, 1885, to Miss Cora A. McPherson, daughter of A. H. and Rebecca McPherson. Their children are: Marjorie McPherson, born September 6, 1886; Carrie Louise, August 18, 1888; Reba Pauline, August 21, 1891.

Professor Jones is a member of both the Masonic Order and the I. O. O. F.

ALFRED L. WILSON, one of the leanding citizens and prominent farmers of Buckskin township, was born in Ross county, Ohio, May 29, 1824. His father, Robert Wilson, a Pennsylvanian by birth, was a son of James Wilson, who emigrated to Ohio with his family in the year 1800. The grandfather settled on Buckskin creek in the township of the same name, taking up land which had never been cultivated. He built a log house and with his wife and two sons, John and Robert, faced the exposure and privations of pioneer life. When Robert Wilson started out in life for himself he located on Paint creek on the land now occupied by his son, Alfred L.; he cleared the major portion of this tract, repeating the labor he had performed on his father's farm. His chief recreation was hunting, and as he was an excellent shot he brought down many a fine specimen of deer and elk. He lived to the ripe old age of ninety-four years, abiding in one place three score years and ten. He was a soldier in the war of 1812. In his religious faith he was an adherent to the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, and for many years was an Elder in the society. His wife, whose maiden name was Esther Anderson, was the mother of eight sons and two daughters; she lived to the age of sixty years. Alfred L. remained a member of the household until he had attained his majority, and continued his business relationship with his father for several years thereafter He and his brothers had the management of a mill which their father built on Paint creek, and as the latter advanced in years they assumed the entire responsibility of the business.

Mr. Wilson was married in the fall of 1856, being then united to Catherine D. Ware. He afterward removed to Fulton county, Indiana, where he owned some land which he occupied seven years. Returning to Ohio at the end of this time he settled in Buckskin township, having bought the old homestead, which has since been his abiding place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are the parents of

three sons: George M., Boyd, and Jay F., Probate Judge of Highland county, Ohio. Mrs. Wilson was born in Buckskin township, Ross county, Ohio, August 28, 1823, a daughter of George and Rachel Ware, natives of Virginia. The parents removed to Ohio in the year 1800 and were among the pioneer settlers of Buckskin township. Mr. Ware was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church, of which he was also an Elder. He died at the age of ninety-two years, while his wife lived only to the age of fifty-four years. They were the parents of a family of ten children, five of whom are living. Mrs. Wilson shared the limited educational opportunities that were afforded the children of pioneers, developing in her life of privation many rare and excellent traits of character. She and her husband are consistent members of the Presbyterian Church, and for many years Mr. Wilson has served as an Elder. In politics he supports the issues of the Republican party. Although he began his career endowed with little of this world's goods he has arisen to a position of financial independence. He owns about 500 acres of good farming land, and does a prosperous business in the raising of live-stock. He is a man of honor and integrity whose word is as good as his bond.

PROF. JOSEPH ALSON SHANNON, of Berrysville, Highland, county, Ohio, was born January 10, 1854, a son of Thomas and Kizia (Parks) Shannon. Our subject received his education principally in the common schools, and later attended the Hillsborough high school. By diligent application to the various subjects which he has undertaken to teach, he became thorough master of them, and has made an enviable reputation for didactic qualifications. He taught his first school in 1870, in Franklin township, Adams county, Ohio, next taught four years in Scott township, same county, followed the same occupation in Washington township, Highland county, and afterward in Sinking Spring, where he was associated with his first wife. Professor Shannon next took charge of the Lynchburg school, which he reorganized and graded. He remained there for three years, being assisted by the Misses Vadie Murphy, Virginia Boatright and Kittie Oldacre, who taught primary, intermediate and grammar departments respectively. Professor Shannon's health completely broke down under the arduous duties imposed by the management of this school work, and at the end of the third year he decided to rest for a time and recuperate. Accordingly, the following year was spent on a farm.

Professor Shannon was appointed Deputy Clerk of Highland county, under J. H. Keech, in which capacity he served six years. Being a born teacher, politics was not as attractive to our subject as the school room, and he determined to return to his favorite profession. He accepted the principalship of the Rarden, Scioto county, Ohio, school, and had as assistants, Miss Mary Darlington, who taught in the primary, and Miss Laura Harper in the grammar department. In September, 1893, Professor Shannon was elected principal of the Sardinia, Brown county, schools, a position to which he was re-elected in 1894, at a salary increase of $25 per month. His assistants last year were the Misses Sally Beard and Clara Hays, who taught the primary and intermediate departments, and Mr. J. W. Campbell, in the grammar de-

partment. This year a new room will be added, over which Mr. J. F. Harper will preside. Professor Shannon was appointed one of the School Examiners of Highland county in 1889, by Judge Kelly, re-appointed in September, 1892, and still holds the position—a favorite with the teachers in Highland county. He now holds a State certificate, which is dated at Columbus, January 2, 1886, and is good for ten years. The summer of 1894 Professor Shannon conducted a normal school at Sardinia, Ohio, which proved a great success and established his reputation as a teacher of teachers.

Our subject was married August 20, 1878 to Miss Jennie Moore, a daughter of C. B. and Kate (Phibbs) Moore. Mrs. Shannon was a graduate of the Hillsborough high school, and, as above stated, was her husband's assistant in the school room at Sinking Spring. She died May 18, 1882. His second wife was Miss Eva Thompson, daughter of John and Mary Jane (Woodrow) Thompson, and the marriage was celebrated February 16, 1884. Professor Shannon and wife have one daughter, Mabel May, a bright and intelligent child. Professor and Mrs. Shannon pass their vacation on their farm located near Berrysville, Highland county, Ohio.

SHERMAN T. YAPLE, D. D. S., is one of the self-made men of Ross county, Ohio, and an honor to the profession he represents. He is a native of Ross county, Ohio, born in Colerain township, June 10, 1865, a son of William F. Yaple, who also was born in Ross county; John Yaple, father of William F., was a native of Pennsylvania, and in 1801, emigrated to Ross county, Ohio, making the journey by team and wagon. Wild game was then abundant and most of the meat consumed by his family was brought down by his own unerring shot. He engaged in farming, and before his death had reduced a considerable tract to cultivation. He died at the age of seventy-three years. William F. Yaple was born in Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, June 15, 1845, and has followed agricultural pursuits all his life. He married Eliza E. Leasure, a native of this county, and a daughter of Thomas Leasure, who emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ross county about 1810. Mrs. Yaple's father developed a farm and afterward removed to Pickaway county, where he died at the age of seventy-seven years.

Dr. Yaple is the eldest of a family of six sons and three daughters. His early education was received in the common schools at Kingston, and as soon as he was fitted for the position he began teaching, earning the money to secure his professional training. After he had acted as instructor for nine terms in Greene township he again took the place of the pupil; he entered the office of Dr. H. R. Clark, a dentist of Circleville, Ohio, and studied under his direction one year. At the end of this time he went to Cincinnati, Ohio, and became a student in the Ohio Dental College at which he was graduated in 1891. He began his practice in Kingston, but shortly afterward came to Chillicothe and opened an office on East Second street; he has a fine and complete equipment and by skillful work has won a large patronage among the most desirable class of people. He has never lost the student attitude but is ever on the alert for improved methods and newly discovered processes.

Dr. Yaple was united in marriage June 21, 1893, to Miss Jessie Terry who was born at Kingston, Ohio, a daughter of David Terry, a highly respected farmer of Ross county. Both the doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias, and in politics adheres to the principles declared by the Republican party.

JOHN M. LESLIE, M. D., Chillicothe, Ohio, is a member of the firm of Galbraith & Leslie, physicians and surgeons, prominent practitioners and highly respected by their brothers of the medical profession. Dr. Leslie is a native of Ross county, Ohio, born April 20, 1850, a son of John and Eliza (Moffitt) Leslie, natives of Ireland. His father emigrated to the United States when a young man, and after coming to Ross county, Ohio, engaged in farming, which he carried on extensively during his life. The doctor is the second of a family of nine children, seven of whom are living. He attended the district school and later went to a private school at Frankfort, which was taught by the Rev. Dr. Galbraith. In 1872 he began the study of medicine under the guidance of Dr. Galbraith, and two years later became a student in the Cincinnati Medical College; he was graduated from this institution in 1876, having completed the regular course, which entitled him to the degree of M. D.

He began the practice of his profession at Frankfort in partnership with his old preceptor, and in 1882 they moved to Chillicothe, continuing their professional labors. Dr. Leslie is a thorough student, and has lost no opportunity of placing himself among the most cultivated and advanced of the profession; he has taken two post-graduate courses; in 1889 he attended lectures in the Polyclinic at Chicago, and in 1893 he took another course of post-graduate lectures. He is a member of the American Medical Association and of the Ohio Medical Society. He has had a wide hospital experience, having spent two winters in the Good Samaritan Hospital of Cincinnati.

On October 19, 1892, Dr. Leslie was united in marriage to Miss Woodie Boyd of St. Louis, Missouri, a woman of broad, culture, having traveled extensively. In politics he is Democratic; he is a member of the Order of Elks and belongs to the Presbyterian Church.

DR. THOMAS SNOWDEN BARNES, one of the progressive members of the medical profession in Ross county, is a native of the State of Ohio, born in Scioto township, Pike county, December 18, 1850. His father, John M. Barnes, is also a native of Pike county, Ohio, and his grandfather, John Barnes, was a Virginian by birth, whose ancestors settled at Harper's Ferry in Colonial times. John Barnes was one of the pioneers of Pike county, Ohio; he bought a large body of land which he developed into a rich agricultural tract, and did much to advance the interests of the section. He represented Pike county in the State Legislature, discharging his duties in this position with much credit. His son, John M., was reared to the occupation of a farmer, and received his education in the pioneer schools; he has all his life followed agricultural pursuits, and is the owner of

300 acres of fertile land. He married Nancy S. Sargent, a native of Pike county, Ohio, and a daughter of James Sargent, who was born in the State of Maryland; he was a farmer, and one of the early settlers of Pike county; he served as Treasurer of this county several terms, and was very widely and favorably known. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes had three children; the mother died May 23, 1892; they were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Dr. Barnes is the eldest of his family. His boyhood days were spent in the quiet monotony of the farm which was varied by attending the school at Piketon. At the age of twenty years he entered the Ohio University, and pursued the classical course of this institution for a number of years. He then began the study of medicine under the preceptorship of Dr. P. J. Kline of Portsmouth, and in the fall of 1879, became a student in the Ohio Medical College; he attended several courses of lectures there, and then went to Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York City, where he received the degree of M. D. in the spring of 1882. The next spring he took up some special courses, which he completed before he engaged in practice. The summer of 1883 was spent in prospecting in the West, through California and Oregon. While admitting the charms of "Our Italy," Dr. Barnes continued to feel a strong attraction to Ohio, and returned to the Buckeye State, and located in Chillicothe in 1884.

He was united in marriage February 28, 1884, to Miss Mary L. Penn, who traces her lineage to the illustrious William Penn. They have no children. The Doctor has acquired a large city and country practice, and has met with gratifying success in his treatment of all classes of disease and in surgery. He is a member of Ross County Medical Society. He has a large and well selected library, containing many choice works upon the subject of medicine, and subscribes for all the leading medical journals of the country. He is fully up with the time in all the discoveries of the science and quickly adopts the improved methods as they are thoroughly tested.

Dr. Barnes is a member of the Masonic fraternity, belonging to the blue lodge, chapter and commandery. Politically he supports the principles of the Republican party, but is independent in the use of his right of franchise. He and his wife are consistent members of the Walnut Street Methodist Episcopal Church of Chillicothe.

KISLING BROTHERS.—This firm is composed of F. M. and O. B. Kisling, who began the livery business in Peebles about the first of December, 1893. They have a complete outfit in their line and have done a large business since beginning operations here.

Francis Marion Kisling, of this firm, was born in Adams county, not far from Sinking Spring, on the 2d of February, 1862, and is the son of W. A. and Amy (Cross) Kisling. His father was born in Pike county, Ohio: the father of our subject came to Pike county in 1887, and his mother was born in Pike county and came of an old family there. They were the parents of ten children, of whom our subject is the third in order of age. He received his schooling in Pike and Adams counties. He was reared to farm life, and for the past ten or twelve years has followed farming on his own account. He now has a farm of 108 acres two miles east of Peebles, of which ninety

acres are under cultivation. As before stated, he entered the livery business in 1893.

Mr. Kisling was married in Highland county, near Greenfield, on the nineteenth of October, 1884, to Miss Emma A. Winegar, who was born in Highland county, Ohio, the daughter of Walter A. Winegar. They had one child, Fanny May.

Mr. and Mrs. Kisling are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Peebles. In politics, Mr. Kisling is a Democrat. He is an active, energetic young business man and well deserves the success with which his efforts have thus far met.

WILLIAM H. NIXON has for the past seventy-five years lived within a radius of six miles of Bainbridge, and is as familiar with the trials and privations of pioneer life as with the progress and development of later years in this part of Ohio. A brief sketch in connection with his life is herewith presented:

William H. Nixon was born in Loudoun county, Virginia, December 9, 1816, son of David Nixon, a native of that State and a descendant of an old Virginia family. David Nixon emigrated to Ohio with his family about 1820, making the journey here in an old wagon, and settling in Paint township, where the mother of our subject had over 300 acres of land. They built a log house after they had been here two or three years, in the meantime having rented. Both parents spent the rest of their lives here, the father dying at the age of seventy-three years, and the mother at seventy-five. He served in the war of 1812. Although they had a large tract of land, they experienced hard times for several years, but during the latter part of their lives they were in good circumstances, and at their death left to their children a competency. Five of their seven children are still living, William H. being the eldest.

The subject of our sketch was four years old when he came with his parents to this State. The only schooling he received was in the subscription schools near his home, and often he trudged away on a cloudy morning to the little log school-house with the understanding that if it cleared off he was to come home and go to work. During the first few years after the family came to Ohio it was their custom to build a rail pen near the side of a hill, leaving a rail out on the side opposite the hill, to catch wild turkeys, corn being scattered on the inside to entice the turkeys in. Young William would then crawl into the pen and catch the turkeys and hand them out to his father. In this way the family was well provided with a choice supply of meat, having not only enough for themselves but also to divide with their neighbors. As soon as William was old enough to work on the farm he rendered his father efficient service in clearing and cultivating their land.

When he was twenty-two the subject of our sketch was married and went to live on a farm that his father had given him, starting out in life with very little save this land. By hard work and economy he not only cleared and improved the farm his father had given him, but he also purchased more land, and as the years rolled by he became one of the prosperous men in the neighborhood. He continued farming until he was about sixty years old. For the past eighteen years he has lived in Bainbridge.

January 1, 1839, Mr. Nixon married

Miss Elizabeth Edmonston, a native of Ohio and previous to her marriage a schoolteacher. She died April 15, 1887, after a long and happy married life. They had three children: John Wesley, a wagonmaker by trade, is married and lives in Bourneville, Ohio; David F., a wealthy farmer, is married and lives in Missouri; and Sarah E., wife of James Benner, lives in Paint township, this county. September 12, 1888, Mr. Nixon married Miss Mary F. Marple, a native of Ohio. She is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Mr. Nixon was first a Whig, afterward a Republican, and for several years past has been identified with the Prohibitionists.

JOHN ANDREW GILMORE, one of the prominent farmers of Folsom, Highland county, Ohio, was born May 3, 1843, on the place where he new lives, his parents being George and Mary (LeForge) Gilmore. The ancestors of our subject emigrated from North Ireland to America about the middle of the eighteenth century. His grandparents were Andrew and Jane (Works) Gilmore, who emigrated to Highland county, Ohio, March 17, 1825. Jane Works was born on the high seas. The father of our subject, George Gilmore, was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 20, 1814. Being only eleven years old when his parents came to Ohio, he practically spent his life here, and, having followed agricultural pursuits from youth up, he was a representative of the farmer element. George Gilmore and Mary LeForge were married June 21, 1838, and their children are: Martha Jane, born April 28, 1839; Rachel Ann, born June 1, 1841, married William Mercer, a farmer of this county; John Andrew, the subject of this sketch; William Lewis, born May 6, 1846, died February 3, 1867. George Gilmore was a man of exceptional piety. He became a convert of the Christian religion early in life, and remained a consistent and active professor until death. He was a member of the Methodist Protestant Church, was the leader in the organization and building of the Union Chapel, near his home, was the principal pillar of that congregation during hislife, and gave liberally of his time and money to the cause. Mr. Gilmore died September 13, 1892, and rests beside his wife in the cemetery of the church which he helped found. Mrs. Gilmore was born June 26, 1810, and died May 10, 1883.

John Andrew Gilmore was raised on his father's farm, assisting and finally operating it wholly. The home place, which he jointly occupies with his unmarried sisters, consists of 206 acres, forty acres of which is wood land. In addition to that place he also has a tract of 114 acres located near the home place, nearly all of which is under a fine state of cultivation.

Mr. Gilmore was married September 5, 1872, to Miss Maggie Ewing, daughter of Abner and Harriet Ewing. They had three children: Alverda, born June 27, 1873, died April 22, 1888; Mary Luetta, born December 31, 1874, died June 22, 1875; and Harriet, born September 24, 1876, died January 3, 1877. Mrs. Gilmore departed this life March 25, 1877, and is buried at Union Chapel. Mr. Gilmore's second marriage took place October 16, 1879, to Anna Rebecca, daughter of Thomas and Margaret Mullin. Their only child, Lilly Grace, was born June 12, 1886.

Yours truly
Jno. D. Waddell

JOHN F. WADDEL, of Greenfield, was born near Bourneville, Ross county, Ohio, June 4, 1820. He is of Scotch descent, his grandfather, Matthew Waddel, having emigrated to this country from Scotland in 1807, with his wife and four children; and Matthew Waddel, Jr., the father of the subject of this sketch, was one of the four, and was in the fourteenth year of his age. Matthew Waddel, Sr., settled with his family at Lancaster, Pennsylvania, where he invested largely in the manufacture of woolen goods, in which he continued for ten years. The business then proving unfortunate and entailing heavy losses, he disposed of his interests and with his family removed to Ohio in 1817, locating on a farm near Bourneville, Ross county, where he died in 1823.

Matthew Waddel, Jr., was born in Paisley, Scotland, in 1793, and came with his father's family to Ross county, Ohio. He married Hester Freshom, who was born in that county in 1800, and they were the parents of the subject of this sketch. In 1825 Matthew Waddel, with his brothers, James and Robert, erected and operated a cotton and woolen mill on Puncheon Run, Highland county, between what is now Barrett's and the Spargur's mills, and afterward operated the Dr Boyd woolen mill on Rocky fork. Mr. and Mrs. Waddel removed from that place to Hillsboro, where they resided many years, the former dying there in 1859, and the latter in 1878.

In 1843 John F. Waddel, our subject, was united in marriage, at Hillsboro, to Hannah Jones, a daughter of the late Colonel John Jones, and a short time afterward removed with his wife to Chillicothe, where he engaged in the retail grocery business until the memorable and destructive fire of April 1, 1852, by which his property was completely destroyed. In 1854, with his young family, Mr. Waddel removed to Greenfield and established the home where he still resides. He at once entered into the business of buying and selling grain at the place and in part of the same building where the Waddel Wooden Ware Works are now located and operated by his son, John M. Waddel. Later, Mr. Waddel disposed of his grain business, and engaged in the retail hardware trade, in which he continued successfully for twenty-three years, when, in 1889, he retired from active work, and has since lived a quiet life at his elegant home, where he and his wife enjoy ripe old age together.

At the age of twenty years our subject united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, and has continued to the present time, for fifty-four years, a consistent and faithful member. He was also a member of the Chillicothe Lodge, No. 24, I. O. O. F., one of the early lodges of the State, and was a charter member of the Fire Company, Relief, No. 3, of Chillicothe, in 1847. This company was constituted of many of the best young men of Chillicothe, and handled the famous old engine "Pat Lyon."

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Waddel are: Orin, manager of the United Press, at Cincinnati; Frank, secretary of the Columbus Bolt Works in that city; John M., owner of the Waddel Wooden Ware Works at Greenfield; Harry D., an insurance and real-estate dealer of Hillsboro; Alice, wife of Colonel James P. Simpson; and Edwin, a dentist of Greenfield. Three children, William, Mary and Lucy, died a number of years ago. Mr. Waddel, although in his seventy-fifth year, is hale and erect, with elastic step and buoyant spirits. Dignified,

polite and companionable, easy and graceful in his manners, highly respected by all who know him, Mr. Waddel, with his excellent wife, is enjoying the fruit of a well spent life. He never allows business to interfere with his patriotism. Ever since he has been blessed with grandchildren, the Fourth of July has been elaborately celebrated on the beautiful lawn under the wide-spreading shade trees at his home, and in the evening the children have always been treated by him to a splendid display of fireworks, such as "Young America" delights in on that day.

PETER PORTER is ranked with the venerable citizens of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, and of him we make personal mention as follows:

Peter Porter was born in Twin township, of the county in which he now lives, November 3, 1811, son of Peter and Isabella (McDill) Porter, the former a native of Frederick county, Maryland, the latter of Virginia and of Scotch descent. The Porter family are of English origin. It was in Ross county, Ohio, that the parents of our subject were married, and after their marriage they settled in Twin township, where the passed the rest of their lives and died, his death occurring October 29, 1821, and hers in August, 1861.

In Twin township the younger Peter Porter grew to manhood. He was married August 10, 1840, to Miss Rachel Criswell, who was born in Ross county, Ohio, in September, 1813. They continued to reside in Twin township until March, 1848, when they removed to Concord township and settled on the farm on which Mr. Porter has ever since made his home. Of their five children we make the following record: John R., the oldest, born in Twin township, April 26, 1842, was reared in that and Concord townships, and was just budding into manhood when the war broke out. He enlisted in Company I, Eighty-first Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and remained in the service three years, being mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, whence he returned to his old home in Ross county. His military service was one of utmost fidelity and valor; he was on the Atlanta and Nashville campaigns (detached service) and was also with his command in the campaign of the Carolinas. He was one of the brave "Boys in Blue" who participated in the grand review at the national capital after the close of the war. July 3, 1883, he was married in Washington county, this State, to Miss Laura D. Hollister, a native of that county, and to them were born two children, one of whom died in infancy; the other is Rosa A. Eliza J., the second daughter of Peter and Rachel Porter, also a native of Twin township, was born January 5, 1844. She became the wife of Captain Caleb Core and had a family of nine children, seven of whom are living: Lillian, Rosa, Rachel, Isaac P., John R., George and Bessie. Mrs. Core departed this life in September, 1883. The military career of Captain Core is a proud one, and is identified with the illustrious record of the Third Regiment of Iowa Volunteer Infantry. He was with his regiment at the battles of Corinth, Vicksburg and Pittsburg Landing, besides participating in other minor engagements. Elijah C., the third member of the family, was born in Twin township, May 22, 1847, and when he grew up was married in Chillicothe to Rebecca Cunningham. He died

January 26, 1890, and his wife's death occurred on the 20th of May following. They left two children, Ada C. and Thomas E. The fourth born, David M., died at the age of twenty-three months. He was born in Concord township, August 30, 1850. Rosa L., the youngest, born in Concord township, March 3, 1854, is the wife of James N. Douglas. The mother of this family passed to the better land January 11, 1883.

Mr. Porter's whole life has been characterized by honest industry. He began with limited means, worked his way on to success, from time to time investing in land, and to-day is the owner of 1,600 acres. He is one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of Concord township.

THOMAS PATTERSON, a well-known farmer residing near Adelphi, Colerain township, Ross county, Ohio, has a beautiful rural home located on an elevation overlooking a most beautiful and fertile section of country to the northeast, in the valley of Salt creek. He and his family are among the most highly esteemed people of the county. Some personal mention of his life is as follows:

Thomas Patterson is a native of the township in which he lives, born January 4, 1824. John Patterson, his father, was born in Pennsylvania, but was a resident of Ohio from his youth up. Grandfather Robert Patterson emigrated from Pennsylvania to Ohio at an early day and settled on the Pickaway plains, in Pickaway county, being among the earliest pioneers of that district. He died soon after he had effected settlement there. John Patterson was the only son in a family of four children, and was a mere lad when his father died. He learned the tailor's trade in Circleville when he was quite young, from whence he subsequently came to Adelphi and worked at his trade. He was married in Adelphi, and lived in and near this place the rest of his life, dying at the age of seventy-three years. During the latter part of his life he purchased a farm, carried on farming operations for several years, was successful and became well off, and was ranked with the leading men of his vicinity. He was Captain of a company of militia, was for several years a Justice of the Peace, and was a pillar in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The mother of our subject, whose maiden name was Elizabeth Bowsher, was the daughter of early pioneers of Ohio, they having settled in Colerain township, Ross county, in 1804. She died at the age of sixty-six years. She, too, was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and her life was adorned by many Christian graces. They were the parents of eleven children, eight sons and three daughters, seven of whom are still living.

Thomas Patterson was the third born in the above family. His education was received in the log schoolhouse of the period, which, with its slab benches, old-fashioned teachers, etc., has been so often described that it is not necessary to go into details here. When he was about twenty-two he began farming operations on his own account. He cultivated one of his father's farms near here for four years, and in 1855 he located on his present farm, where he has lived for nearly two-score years. Besides his home farm, which comprises 160 acres of land, he also owns a half interest in another large tract of land, all of which is devoted to general farming.

Mr. Patterson was first married in Oc-

tober, 1846, to Sarah E. Grafton, a native of Ohio, who died in 1849, leaving one child, Mary E. In 1851 he married Miss S. Buckwater, who died in 1862, leaving four sons: Frederick L., Jay M., Addison T. and Walter, all of whom are living and engaged in business for themselves. Mr. Patterson's third marriage occurred December 16, 1862, to Susan Karshner, daughter of early pioneers in Hocking county, Ohio. They became the parents of five children, Ida May, Hattie, Samuel, LeRoy and Dorsie, all having reached maturity.

Mr. Patterson has been identified with the Republican party ever since its organization, and for about twenty years has served as Township Trustee. In 1851 he was initiated into the mysteries of the I. O. O. F., and has passed all the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and encampment. Both he and his wife are active members of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Adelphi, he having served as Trustee of the Church for a number of years.

SAMUEL JAMISON, one of the prosperous farmers of Concord township, Ross county, Ohio, and the vice-president of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, Frankfort, forms the subject of this article. Mr. Jamison was born in the township in which he now lives, January 9, 1827, son of Samuel Jamison, a native of Ohio, and grandson of William Jamison, who was born in South Carolina. William Jamison emigrated with his family to Ohio at an early day, purchased a tract of land in Concord township, Ross county, and here in 1804 he died. His son Samuel, the father of our subject, passed his whole life in Concord township, engaged in agricultural pursuits. He cleared and improved 200 acres of land, and his death occurred here in 1851, when he was about seventy years old. He was a veteran of the war of 1812. The maiden name of his wife was Rebecca Anderson. Her death followed soon after his. They were the parents of eight children, all of whom reached maturity, and three sons are still living. These three are William, George and Samuel. William, a graduate of Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, is now engaged in the practice of law. He has served as Probate Judge of Franklin county, Ohio. George has long been largely interested in farming and is now a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

Samuel Jamison's early life was spent on his father's farm. His common-school education was supplemented by one term in the old Chillicothe Academy, and then for two terms he taught school, commencing when he was about twenty. With the above exception his whole life has been devoted to agricultural pursuits. He has owned his present farm for more than thirty years, and besides it he has ninety acres of the old homestead. His home farm comprises 350 acres. All these years he has given considerable attention to stock-raising.

He was married in 1870 to Miss Ella Worthington, a native of Ross county, Ohio, and a daughter of Robert and Ellen (Haynes) Worthington, both natives of Ohio. The Worthingtons descended from a prominent old Virginia family. Robert Worthington is now a resident of Petersburg, Illinois, to which place he moved before the Civil war. Mr. and Mrs. Jamison have had three children: Annie Belle, Robert Worthington and James Roy. Their daughter is deceased.

While Mr. Jamison has never taken any

very active part in political matters, he keeps himself well posted on the issues of the day, and has cast his vote with the Republican party ever since its organization. He is a Deacon, Elder and Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, of which his wife is also an active member.

ALBERT R. BETTS, one of the most prosperous and energetic young farmers of Deerfield township, was born in Ross county, Ohio, October, 19, 1857. His father, Uriah Betts, was born near Clarksburg, Ross county, in 1820, a son of Thomas Betts, a native of Maryland. The grandfather emigrated to Ohio in an early day and located on land in Ross county, which he developed into a choice farm. Uriah Betts also became a farmer and met with well-merited success in this vocation. He died in 1889. He married Nancy Hurst, a daughter of one of the old settlers, and of this union there were born four children, three of whom survive. Albert R. Betts grew to manhood on his father's farm, and was well trained in all the details of agriculture. At the age of twenty-one years he began an independent career, and since that time has occupied his present farm. Here he owns 217 acres of as fine land as lies within the borders of Ross county, all of which is well improved. He has conducted all his operations with rare intelligence and judgment and is held in the highest esteem by all who know him.

Mr. Betts was united in marriage in 1878, to Miss Ella Putman, a daughter of Crawford Putman, and to them have been born four children: Mable; Charles, deceased, Maud and Mary.

Our worthy subject is a stanch supporter of the principles of the Republican party and takes an active interest in the councils of that organization. He and his wife are consistent members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he is also Steward.

RUFUS PUTNAM, editor of the Daily News, Chillicothe, Ohio, was born at South Charleston, Clarke county, Ohio, July 4, 1845. His father, Rufus Putnam, was also a native of Ohio, his birthplace being in the old stockade at Marietta, in 1805. He was a son of Edwin Putnam, a native of Massachusetts and the son of General Rufus Putnam of Revolutionary fame. General Putnam settled at Marietta, Ohio, when Edwin Putnam was a child, and there the latter grew to manhood. He was a lawyer by profession and for many years was Judge of his district. He laid out the town of Putnam across the river from Zanesville, Ohio, and was prominently identified with the history of that section. He lived to the usual age of man, three-score years and ten. Rufus Putnam, son of Edwin Putnam, was a merchant, spending the most of his life in mercantile trade at Springfield, Ohio. He served as Mayor of South Charleston and was Postmaster at Putnam. Taking a deep interest in military affairs, he was made Adjutant General of the State of Ohio, and filled the position of Assistant Adjutant General of Illlnois. He died in his eighty-ninth year. His wife, whose maiden name was Mary Heiskell, was a Virginian by birth, a daughter of John and Mary Heiskell. She came with her parents, when a child, to Ohio and located in Clarke county. She died in 1852 at the age of forty years, the

mother of a family of seven children, four of whom died in infancy.

Rufus Putnam, whose name heads this notice, received his education in the public schools of the towns in which his parents resided during his boyhood. He was twelve years of age when his mother died, and from that time he began a practically independent career. He first worked on a farm, receiving as compensation board and clothing, but to this sphere he was not born, and destiny was not to be baffled. At the age of sixteen years he went to learn the printer's trade in the office of the Weekly Times, Newark, Ohio; but this occupation was interrupted two years later by the cry of the Nation in her hour of need. Responding to this call Mr. Putnam enlisted in Company H, Thirty-fifth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, in April, 1861. He served until July, 1865, participating in the battles of Chickamauga, Stone River, Mission Ridge, Resaca, Kenesaw Mountain, Atlanta, and other engagements of less note. He was also through the campaign of Corinth and at Mill Springs, Kentucky. In the battle of Zollikoffer, he received a gunshot wound in his right leg, and to this day he carries the ball imbedded there as a memento of the event. He was mustered out at Camp Chase, Ohio, in July, 1865.

After the war was ended and peace had been established, Mr. Putnam opened a job office at Newark, Ohio, which he conducted one year. In May, 1866, he was united in marriage to Ellen O'Hare, of Newark, and in the following November he came to Chillicothe, having secured a position in the office of the Advertiser; there he remained until 1872, when he embarked in the grocery trade. After four years in this business he returned to his old vocation, opening a general job office in Chillicothe. In connection with the printing business which he was establishing, he founded the Daily News, the first issue of which appeared in March, 1884. In 1886 he purchased the Weekly Register, and is editor of both publications. He has one of the best equipped printing offices in the county and has won an enviable reputation both as publisher and as editor.

Politically he supports the Democratic party. For nine years he was a member of the Board of Equalization, and for an equal term was Collector of Tolls on the canal. He was a member of the Board of Directors of the County Infirmary for seven years, and was instrumental in establishing the Children's Home in connection with this institution. He is now serving a second term as a member of the Board of Education. He belongs to the G. A. R., A. L. Brown Post, No. 162, and is a member of the Order of Elks.

Mr. and Mrs. Putnam are the parents of one child, a son named John R. Mrs. Putnam is a member of St. Mary's Church.

JUDGE JAMES McCLINTICK was one of the pioneers in the settlement of the Scioto valley, that garden spot, celebrated then as now for its marvelous beauty and fertility. Not so early a pioneer as Nathaniel Massie, Duncan McArthur, the Finleys (Robert W. and his sons), Thomas Worthington, Edward Tiffin, and others who came prior to or about the time of the laying out of the town of Chillicothe in 1796, but still a *pioneer*, reaching Chillicothe as early as 1805 (when that town, although the capital of the State, was a mere hamlet of less than 200 dwellings),

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growing to mature manhood, contributing to the development of the country, serving its interests in public office, and, furnishing an example of honorable conduct, strict integrity and fervent piety, for the imitation of those who found their homes in a new land, free from the restraints of older societies, and open to new ambitions and a new life.

He was born at Shippensburg, Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, October 25, 1785, and was of Scotch-Irish descent both on his father's and mother's side.

His father, James McClintick (or McClintock, as the name was indifferently spelled, the correct spelling being "McClintock"), was born about 1740, in Chester county, Pennsylvania, but whether in that part of Chester county which afterward, in 1750, became a part of Cumberland county, is not now known. It is likely that the McClintocks who first came to America from Ireland, prior to 1729, settled within the then limits of Chester county, Pennsylvania. When Lancaster county was carved out of Chester county, in 1729, some, if not all of them, fell within the limits of Lancaster; when Cumberland county was taken from Lancaster, in 1750, some of them fell within the limits of Cumberland, and when Franklin county was formed out of Cumberland, in 1784, some of them fell within the limits of Franklin. We find the name in all these counties, and in many others established later, throughout the State of Pennsylvania. A similar notation may be made as to the location of several families bearing the McClintock name, who fell within the limits of the State of Maryland, upon the establishment of Mason and Dixon's line in 1762 as as the boundary between Pennsylvania and Maryland. The names of Alexander, James, John, Robert, Joshua, David and Daniel McClintock occur in the historical sketches of all this region of Pennsylvania and Maryland, as among the early settlers.

The earliest known record relating to James McClintock, the father of the subject of the present sketch, is found in the list of first deeds or leases issued by Mr. Edward Shippen, begun in February, 1763, to such persons as held lots in Shippensburg, on permits previously given by him. In that list James McClintock appears as the owner of Lot No. 44 in that town.

He was married to Mary Williamson about 1770, possibly earlier. She was the daughter of John Williamson, who came to Chester county, Pennsylvania, about 1730. He was married, in 1731, to Mary Davidson, who died in 1804, in her ninetieth year. By this marriage, it is said, there were six sons and four daughters. Mr. John Williamson removed with his family from Chester county to Cumberland county about 1752, and died there in July, 1757, leaving a will, bearing date May 21, 1757, in which he denominates himself a "clothier," and gives his two "plantations," one in Lurgan township, to his son John, and the other on Cannadaguin creek, to his two sons David and John. He makes provision for the support of his widow, and gives his personal estate, including his slaves, to his son Hugh and his daughters Rachel, Margaret and Mary. There are only four sons and three daughters named in the will. The tradition in the family is that another son, Carey, by name, was a clergyman in the Church of England, and as such adhered to the mother government during the war of the Revolution, and upon its termination emigrated to England, where he died.

The eldest son, Hugh, became distinguished during the period of the war of the Revolution. He received the degree of M. D. from the University of Utrecht and of LL. D. from the University of Philadelphia. He was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of the United States, and afterward a member of Congress. He became widely known in the republic of letters, and enjoyed the companionship and friendship of the noted men of that day, among others, Washington, Adams and Hamilton. His portrait appears conspicuously in Trumbull's painting of "Washington Resigning his Commission," which adorns the rotunda of the capitol at Washington. Another portrait, also by Trumbull, is in the posession of his grand-nieces, the Misses Hamilton of New York city, daughters of the late John C. Hamilton and granddaughters of Alexander Hamilton. He died in the city of New York in May, 1819, at the age of eighty-five years.

It may be interesting to the connections of his family to know that President John Adams, in a letter written shortly after Dr. Williamson's death, refers to the fact that in the course of their friendly relations, the Doctor communicated to him many things in his personal history, "particularly that he was descended from Sir William Wallace, the Scottish hero, patriot and martyr."

A full memoir of his life by his friend Dr. Hosack, was published in the "Transactions of the New York Historical Society" for the year 1820, and other sketches of his life appear in various other volumes of American biography, especially in those which were inspired by the centennial year, 1876.

Another brother, Captain John Williamson, served with distinction in the Pennsylvania line during the Revolutionary war, and afterward became a merchant of great wealth in Charleston, South Carolina.

The sister, Mary, was born in 1744, probably in March of that year. Her marriage to James McClintock took place at Shippensburg about 1770. Her eldest daughter, Rachel, was born at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, December 25, 1771, and she was followed by Mary, afterward Mrs. Moses Scott; Nancy, afterward Mrs. Philip Cryder of Madison county, Ohio, Mrs. Culbertson, and other daughters, and by two sons: James, the subject of this sketch; and Samuel, who was drowned near Marietta, Ohio.

The Williamsons and McClintocks were, as was common among the Scotch-Irish, stanch Presbyterians, but in the year 1787 Methodism was introduced into that part of the Cumberland valley by the Rev. John Hagerty and Nelson Reed, and a log church was built by that denomination in 1790, at Shippensburg, which supplied its needs until the year 1825, when a new church was built. Mr. and Mrs. McClintock and their family became adherents of this then new society and continued steadfast in that faith.

Their eldest daughter, Rachel, was married to Rev. Dr. William McDowell, a minister of that denomination, at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, June 29, 1795, and removed with him to Savannah, Georgia, where he was then stationed. Another daughter, Sarah was married when she was about sixteen years of age (1803 or 1804) to another Methodist preacher, Rev. Samuel Huston, and went with him from Shippensburg into Virginia. It is related of her that the first time she went with her husband to church in Virginia, she had her hair dressed in the Martha Washington style, then much in vogue; that this attracted more attention

than did her husband's preaching. Observing this, she, on returning home, dressed her hair in a plain fashion and continued to do so for the remainder of her life.

Mr. James McClintock, of Shippensburg, died there somewhere between 1800 and 1805. Dr. McDowell, his son-in-law, had been removed, in the course of the Methodist itineracy, from Savannah, Georgia, into Virginia, and at the time of the death of his wife's father, was living in that State at Newton Stephensburg, in Frederick county. On learning of Mr. McClintock's death, he removed the whole family into Virginia, and in 1805 emigrated with his own family, and the McClintocks, to Chillicothe, Ross county, Ohio. Mrs. Huston, having lost her husband by death, came with her two children to Ohio, at a later period, and was married a second time, on February 18, 1810, at Chillicothe, Ohio, to Hon. James Pritchard, then a member of the General Assembly of Ohio from Jefferson county. He had previously been an Associate Judge of that county, and represented it in the General Assembly, either in the House or Senate, from its first session until his death, which occurred suddenly while in his seat in the Senate in the winter of 1812–13.

Mrs. McClintock, the widowed mother, continued to reside in Ross county until her death on October 15, 1815, at the age of seventy-one years and seven months. She was buried in the old Presbyterian graveyard in Chillicothe, but her remains were transferred by her grandchildren to Grandview Cemetery, on the abandonment of the old grave-yard, in 1878. Her son James, in his twentieth year at the time of his arrival in Ohio, at once set about earning his living by manual labor, but soon became a clerk, and afterward a partner, in the general merchandise business of his brother-in-law, Dr. McDowell. The contemporary records of the Court of Common Pleas of Ross county disclose the fact that the style of the firm was James McClintock & Company. He afterward succeeded to and carried on the business in his own name. At the time of his entry upon a business career, the drinking of whisky in that newly settled country was almost universal, and it was the prevailing custom of merchants and shop-keepers to keep the bottle in view as a welcome to their customers. He was the first to break this custom, and the bottle never graced, or rather, disgraced, his counter.

He was married on March 14, 1811, to Charity Trimble, then a pupil in the female seminary at Chillicothe, a daughter of John Trimble, who had emigrated from Virginia to Ohio, and settled at Crouse's Woolen Mills, on Kinnikinnick creek in Ross county, where he and his wife died and were buried.

The first Trimbles, of this family, emigrated from the county of Antrim, in Ireland, to America in 1719. They settled in what was then Chester county, Pennsylvania. It is said that six brothers of that name came over about the same time, probably in the same vessel, whose names were Joseph, Henry, Hugh, John, James and William. The location of William, James and Hugh is set forth in the printed volume known as "The Palmer and Trimble Genealogical Record." It is probable that John, one of these six brothers, went to Virginia at an early day, and that from him are descended the Trimbles of Kentucky and Tennessee, but not including the David Trimble who is referred to in this genealogical record as "Senator David Trimble of Kentucky." He was a member of the Kentucky Senate in the lat-

ter part of his iife, but never a Senator of the United States. He was for thirteen years, or more, a member of Congress, and a somewhat noted lawyer, politician and iron manufacturer. His father, whose name was also John, resided originally near the border line of Pennsylvania and Maryland, and afterward in Culpeper county, Virginia. This John was the son of either Henry or Joseph Trimble, two of the six brothers who came to Amerlca in the same ship in 1819. It is inferred from the circumstance that he named one of his sons by his first wife, "Henry," that his father bore the same name. However this may be, it is said that his mother was a daughter of Daniel Defoe (the author of Robinson Crusoe); that she came to America with friends in the same ship with the Trimbles, in 1719, and that she, with her husband, Mr. Trimble, died leaving this only son, John. He was twice married, first to Sarah Churchman, by whom he had three children, David, Nancy and Henry. Henry died in childhood. David, the somewhat noted lawyer and politician of Kentucky before referred to, was never married. He died and was buried at Greenupsburg, Kentucky. Nancy was married in Culpeper county, Virginia, to Joshua Woodrow, who emigrated with his family to Hillsborough, Ohio, at an early date. The second wife of John Trimble was Rachel Ridgway, by whom he had six children, Sarah, Charity, William, John, Catharine, and Isaac R. Sarah (said to have been named for her father's first wife) was married to Pearson Starr, who died at Mt. Pleasant, Jefferson county, Ohio, leaving her with two children: Rachel, who married Hiram Campbell of Ironton, Ohio (his first wife), and died childless; and Sarah Ann Pearson, who married Rev. Dr. Joseph M. Trimble (son of Governor Allan Trimble), whom she survives, being at the present time a resident of Columbus, Ohio.

William became a United States District Judge in the Territory of Arkansas, previous to its Statehood, and died there leaving a large family. John married Miss Elizabeth Winn, and died at Grayson, Carter county, Kentucky, leaving his widow, one son and three daughters. He had been largely engaged in the manufacture of iron in Greenup and Carter counties, and at the time of his death was Clerk of the courts in Carter county. Catherine Trimble was married to Hon. Isaiah Morris, of Wilmington, Clinton county, Ohio, and died leaving children. General Isaac R. Trimble, the youngest child of the family, was educated at West Point, and afterward devoted himself in business as a civil engineer, superintending the location of some of the early railroads in the United States. He served as an officer of high rank in the army of the Confederate States during the Rebellion, and at the close of the civil war returned to Baltimore, his former residence, where he died.

John Trimble, the father of the family, during the life-time of his second wife, Rachel Ridgway, removed to Ross county, Ohio, and settled near Crouse's Woolen Mills on Kinnikinnick creek. He was a manufacturer of woolen cloths, and died and was buried in the cemetery attached to the old Methodist church at Crouse's Mills.

His daughter, Charity, was indebted to her half-brother, David, for her education in the best schools of Chillicothe at that day. She was born July 29, 1790, and was consequently in her twenty-first year at the time of her marriage to Mr. James McClintick. This married couple were early members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in

Chillicothe, and continued steadfast in that fellowship as long as they lived. He, for nearly the whole of that time, filled the various offices of Trustee, Recording Steward and Class Leader, and both of them were active and zealous in all church work, serving their Creator with an earnest and simple piety, as a part of their daily life.

The industry and frugality of the young merchant soon enabled him to purchase two farms, in the early part of 1815, one in Springfield township, on which he settled his widowed mother and a widowed sister with her children, and another in Union township, which he continued to own, along with other lands which he afterward purchased in that township, and which he bequeathed to his children at his death.

His uprightness of conduct and integrity of character gave him also official position. In 1822 and 1823 he served a term as Treasurer of his county, and on the seventeenth day of February, 1824, he was elected by the General Assembly of his State, an Associate Judge of the Court of Common Pleas for the county of Ross. He continued to hold this office, by successive elections, until the year 1845. His long experience in this office enabled him, although not bred to the law, to hold the court, in the absence of the presiding judge, on several occasions, to the satisfaction of the bar, and parties litigant.

He was for many years a director of the old Bank of Chillicothe, of which Thomas James was president and John Woodbridge, cashier, and served as one of its executive committee. This bank was one of the earliest in the State, and continued in business until the expiration of its charter, an example of honest, conservative and profitable management.

Judge McClintick remained in active business as a merchant for about forty years, and having acquired a competency he retired, devoting the remainder of his life to the care of his estate, to reading and study, and to the work of his church, as the manager of its finances, and taking great interest in all its services, striving both by teaching and example to persuade others to turn from evil paths to those of righteousness.

His devotion to his family was very marked. He spared no pains to secure the best education for his children that could be obtained in seminaries or colleges within reasonable reach. He recognized the duties he owed to those of kindred blood, and endeavored to discharge them.

In politics he was a Whig of the old school, but after the dissolution of that party he voted with the newly formed Republican party, his last presidential vote being for Mr. Lincoln in 1860. He was an ardent Unionist, and, on the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion in 1861, became intensely interested in the success of the Union arms. The early reverses of our armies gave him the most profound pain, but he never lost faith in the valor of our soldiers in the field, nor doubted their ultimate success. In the midst of the anxieties and perils which marked the second year of the war, he was taken ill, and on May 11, 1862, in his seventy-seventh year, he passed from this life, universally esteemed and honored, and with a bright hope of the life to come.

Mrs. McClintick survived her husband seven years, her death occurring at her home in Chillicothe, March 2, 1869, at which time she had attained the age of seventy-seven years.

Five children survived both father and mother, namely: James, William T., Martha Finley, intermarried with James H. Holcomb; Eliza Jane, intermarried with John H. Bennett (all of whom reside in Chillicothe, Ohio); and Anna Maria, intermarried with John S. Mackey, of Spring Hill, Johnson county, Kansas.

WILLIAM FLEMING WHITNEY, Clerk of the Court of Scioto county, and a resident of Portsmouth, Ohio, was born in that city, November 20, 1843. He descended from an old English family, the founder of which in America was John Whitney, who was born in England in 1585, settled in Watertown, New York, in 1635, and died at that place in 1673. His wife, Elinor, died there May 11, 1659. Their son, Joshua Whitney, was born in Watertown, July 15, 1635, and died at Groton, Massachusetts, August 7, 1719. He was one of the original founders of the latter town, and lived there until the Indians destroyed all his property during King Philip's war in 1676, when he moved to a more thickly settled locality. Later he returned, and lived there until his death. William Whitney, son of Joshua, married Amanda Dutcher.

Christopher Whitney, great-grandfather of our subject and son of William Whitney, was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, September 23, 1751. He served in the Revolutionary war, and in 1782 removed to New York State. December 1, 1774, he married Mary Ticnor, a member of the old New England family of that name. Their children are: Billa, born May 12, 1775; Buluff, grandfather of our subject; and Christopher, born November 12, 1782, was eighty-four years of age at the time of his death. Buluff Whitney was born at Salisbury, Connecticut, June 25, 1777, and died at Portsmouth, Ohio, August 8, 1846, and is buried in the latter city. His marriage occurred in the town of Virgil, New York, and was the first ever celebrated in that town. Their son, John, born August 5, 1801, died August 11, 1839. His first wife, Cornell Fitch, died August 11, 1839. The second child, Mary Ticnor, born September 9, 1803, died June 26, 1880. She married Hannibal Gilman Hamlin, a cousin of Vice-President Hamlin, February 1, 1825. Buluff, the third child, born February 9, 1805, died August 7, 1824; Susanna, born December 27, 1806, was married May 19, 1885, to E. G. Stone; Sarah, born December 11, 1808, married A. R. Hariden, and died August 5, 1889; William Glenny, the father of our subject; Minerva, born April 21, 1814, was a teacher by occupation, and married A. Curtis; and Olive, born September 16, 1817, died March 29, 1885. She married A. C. McArthur, of Chillicothe, Ohio's famous Governor and Indian fighter.

Buluff Whitney, father of the above children, left New York in 1817 with his family, bound for New Orleans. He stopped, however, at St. Louis, and later took up a claim in Illinois. He soon contracted the yellow fever, and, after having sufficiently recovered, started to return to New York, but was pleased with the location of Portsmouth, and, having a few acquaintances there, concluded to stop off for a time. This was in 1821, and he continued to make Portsmouth his home until his death. While in New York he held the office of "Squire," and took a general interest in public affairs all his life. Mr. Whitney owned an interest in a coal mine at Pomeroy, Ohio, and also

a brick yard at Portsmouth. He did considerable pork-packing and shipping, and conducted a small grocery business. He was Road Supervisor in Portsmouth at a time when some of the principal streets were laid out.

William Glenny Whitney, father of our subject, was born at Dryden, New York, April 11, 1811. As stated above, his father located in Portsmouth when William was but ten years old. He was connected with his father's business until early manhood, and was then associated with his brother, John, under the firm name of J. & W. J. Whitney. Later James D. McLain, a brother-in-law, became a partner. These respective firms did a large business on the canal, buying and selling grain. They owned several boats, and at one time Captain Whitney commanded and partly owned the boat "Olive," plying between Pittsburg and Cincinnati. In 1877 he became an invalid and retired from business. Captain Whitney's first wife was Melvenia Fleming. They were married October 20, 1836. Their eldest child, Buluff, born August 26, 1837, is foreman of one of the leading tinning establishments of Cincinnati. His first wife, *née* Ellen M. Cassiday, bore him one child, Clara Belle, who married Edward Handey, and is living in Chicago. His second wife, Mary Louisa Adams, bore him two children: Grace M. and William Glenny. Susanna, the second child of William G. Whitney, was born September 5, 1840. She was married July 31, 1887, to John S. Womble, now living in Orange county, Florida. William Fleming, the subject of this sketch, was the next child in order of birth. Mrs. Whitney died April 29, 1847, and is buried in the Portsmouth cemetery. Captain Whitney was married the second time, March 20, 1850, to Miss Elsie F. M. Van Vorhees, daughter of Isaac and Isabella (McCormac) Van Vorhees, of Pennsylvania. Isabella Olive, their eldest child, was born July 4, 1851. The second child, Mary Jane, was born July 23, 1853. She was married August 30, 1876, to Charles E. Jewell, and her children were: Elsie, Howard, Charles, Gordon and Tom Whitney. She died at Toronto, Ontario, June 14, 1889. Elsie Gertrude, the next child, was born June 6, 1857, and is living with her sister in Pickaway, Ohio. Teresa, born May 3, 1863, was married November 25, 1886, to Allen Campbell, and they have one child, Dorothy.

The subject of this sketch, William Fleming Whitney, attended the public schools of Portsmouth, and also took a course at Bryant & Stratton's Business College, Cincinnati, receiving his diploma in 1865. He next entered the book store of Edward Raine as clerk; later was employed as bookkeeper at the George Davis distillery, but a short time afterward returned to the employ of Mr. Raine. May 1, 1867, he entered the County Clerk's office, as Deputy to S. R. Drouillard. Mr. Whitney has continued to serve the county in some capacity since that time. In December, 1883, he was appointed Clerk to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Robert Bell. He was elected Clerk in the fall of 1889, re-elected in 1893, and is now serving his second term. Mr. Whitney has been a member of the school board for six years. In May, 1864, he joined Company E, One Hundred and Fortieth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, but the service lasted but a few months only.

He was married May 15, 1871, to Elizabeth Margaret Jones, daughter of David Jones. They have had the following chil-

dren: Glenny and David Albert (twins), born May 17, 1872; and Tom Jones, born January 23, 1878, died December 18, 1884. Mr. Whitney is a member of the Masonic order, the G. A. R. and the Order of Elks. In political matters, he affiliates with the Republican party, and in religion is a member of the Baptist Church.

SAMUEL HANNAMAN McCRAY, one of the representative farmers of Highland county, Ohio, was born in Liberty township, this county, November 23, 1854. The McCrays originated in Ireland, were among the early settlers of Virginia, and from Virginia came West, some of them settling in Ohio.

Samuel McCray, the father of our subject, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia, March 1, 1818, son of James and Deborah (Armstrong) McCray. James McCray was also a native of the Old Dominion. He was born February 24, 1789, and died on the farm on which Samuel H. now lives, July 8, 1855, he having come to Ohio as early as 1822. His first settlement in Ohio was in Highland county, on Rocky Fork creek, from which place he moved in 1827 to the farm above alluded to, here purchasing fifty acres. He was a veteran of the war of 1812, having served ten months in that war. His father, the great-grandfather of Samuel H., was John McCray, a native of Ireland. John McCray emigrated to Clinton county, Indiana, about 1830, where he spent the residue of his life and died. His will was the first one placed on the records of Clinton county. The names of his children were John, Samuel, William, James, Mary and Patsey.

Mr. McCray's maternal great-grandfather was John Armstrong, of Virginia, where he died at the age of eighty years. His children were Quintain, William, Deborah, Mary and Rebecca.

Samuel McCray, father of Samuel H., is still an honored resident of Highland county. He built the house where he now lives in 1841, he having bought fifty acres of land from John Kelly the year before. To this tract he added by subsequent purchase, and it now comprises 202 acres, of which forty acres are in timber, the farm being ranked with the best in the vicinity. Samuel McCray has been twice married. By his first wife, *née* Betsey Thorp, whom he wedded February 9, 1839, and who died July 24, 1856, he had the following children: Deborah, born March 18, 1840, died August 18, 1840; one that died in infancy; and Samuel H., whose name heads this article. August 28, 1857, Mr. McCray married Minerva Kelley, his present companion, daughter of John C. and Mary (Boyd) Kelley.

Samuel H. McCray was married January 22, 1880, to Flora Butler, daughter of A. B. Butler. Their children are: Ora, born October 3, 1881, now living with her grandfather; Flossie Parker, October 18, 1883; Nellie Butler, March 28, 1885; James Dean, November 15, 1889; Mary, January 3, 1892; and Gerald Thorp, September 16, 1893.

GEORGE WASHINGTON RENO was born April 14, 1836, on the farm on which he now lives in Highland county, Ohio.

His father, Sampson Reno, was born June 25, 1807, and died March 29, 1894. He was married March 1, 1831, to Ellen Hastings, daughter of Henry and Anna

(Patchell) Hastings, she having been brought by her parents from Ireland, her native land, when she was quite small and reared in this country. The Hastings family was noted for large stature, and this feature may be seen in her descendants. She died March 11, 1868, at the old home place in Highland county. For his second wife Mr. Reno married a widow, Mrs. Pemilia (Kelly) Smith. Her death occurred July 28, 1893, a short time before his. The children of Sampson and Ellen Reno are as follows: William Henry, born September 16, 1832, and died May 12, 1841; Sarah Ann, born July 13, 1834, and died April 19, 1866; George W., the subject of our sketch was the next; then came one that died in infancy; John, born April 1, 1839, married Sarah E Beveridge, and is engaged in the grocery business at Norton, Kansas, his children being James, Ida and Laura; Joseph, born June 6, 1841, died October 11, 1842; James Madison, born July 3, 1843, died December 6, 1881, leaving a widow who is now a resident of Berryville, Ohio; Sampson, Jr., born August 20, 1845, died in Kansas, July 11, 1884, leaving a widow and five children,—Jessie, Ernest Newton, Flora, Julia, Daisy Hazel; Alice Jane, wife of Thomas D. Salter, was born September 2, 1847, and died October 8, 1875, leaving four children—Ella, Daisy, Winfield and Alla Blanche; and Newton Richards, born February 6, 1850, died March 26, 1867.

Sampson Reno was the oldest of his father's family and reared several of his brothers and sisters. He bought the place, 150 acres, where the subject of our sketch now lives about the year 1831, of Tremble & Smith, it having but few improvements and no buildings whatever. The present residence was erected by him in 1844. He was a Democrat in his political affiliations and was a man of considerable prominence in the community. He served as Township Clerk, was for three years a County Commissioner, and for thirty years served as Justice of the Peace. As to his Church relations, he was first a Methodist and afterward joined the Christian Union Church. His remains rest in a private cemetery near the old homestead.

George W. Reno continued to reside on the home farm, and since his father's death has had full charge of it. He was married February 8, 1857, to Nancy Compton, daughter of William and Margaret (Anderson) Compton, and they have a large family of children, as follows: John Breckinridge, born December 15, 1857; Sampson William, February 13, 1859; Charles, born December 27, 1860, died February 26, 1861; George Beauregard, May 23, 1862; Clara, born August 11, 1864, is deceased; Sarah, born April 27, 1867; Alice, May 17, 1870; Joseph, October 3, 1873; and Anna Myrtle, September 19 1877. Four of their children are married and settled in life. John B. married Lodenia Steel, and they have three children,—Roy De Loss, Grover Cleveland, and Starling: he is farming a part of the home place. Sampson W. married Betsey Lawrence and lives on a farm in this county, their children being Claud and Anna. Sarah is the wife of J. W. Overman, a farmer of this county, and they have one child, Joe Dempsey; and Alice is the wife of Thomas Elliott, their only child being Bertha Myrtle.

Mr. Reno, like his father, is a Democrat and takes a commendable interest in public affairs. He was elected Justice of the Peace in 1885 and served one term, and is now serving as Township Trustee.

HON. ARCHIBALD MAYO, attorney and counsellor at law, Chillicothe, Ohio, stands at the head of his profession and is recognized as one of the leading of citizens of Ross county.

He is a native of Ohio, born June 11, 1838, at Oxford. His family belongs to the Virginia branch of Mayo's, one of the oldest, best known, and numerous of the "Old Dominion" families. His grandfather, Benjamin Mayo, resided for a long period in Philadelphia, was one of the prominent educators of his day, and the author of several text-books of high repute. He died in that city at a very advanced age. Mr. Mayo's maternal grandfather was Hayden Edwards, who was educated for the bar in the office of President Madison, who married Miss Susannah Beal, of the well known Maryland family of that name, and who, after residing in Virginia and Kentucky, obtained a large land grant in Texas from the Mexican government, and removing to that State subsequently became actively and prominently engaged in its early struggles for independence. He died and is buried in the old Spanish Mexican town of Nacogdoches. He was a cousin of the first Illinois Governor and United States Senator, whose son, Ninian Edwards, married the elder sister of Mrs. Abraham Lincoln, and at whose house, in Springfield, Illinois, Lincoln was married. Mr. Mayo has a numerous relationship in Kentucky on his mother's side of the house. The family is one of the best in the old commonwealth, and among its members are many persons who have occupied prominent and important positions. His father, Herman Boseman Mayo, was a highly educated and accomplished man, was educated for the bar in the office of Horace Binney, the celebrated Philadelphia lawyer, and afterwards in New Orleans pursued the study of the peculiar judicial system of that State. He began the practice of law in Cincinnati, but breaking down in health he shortly abandoned his profession and purchased property in Oxford, Ohio, the seat of Miami University, in which institution he took great interest. During the war financial reverses took from him the property in Philadelphia and New Orleans, from which his income was derived, and after his son Archibald located in Vinton county he also removed there and shortly afterward became Probate Judge of that county and so continued for six years. He died in 1877.

Archibald Mayo spent the greater part of his childhood and youth in Philadelphia with his grandparents. At their death he returned to his father's home in Ohio and entered Miami University. At the outbreak of the war a company of university students was formed under the captaincy of one of their number, Ozro J. Dodds, of Cincinnati, Ohio, and as a member of that company young Mayo enlisted in the three months' service. He afterwards taught in the public schools of Hamilton, Ohio, studying law at the same time, and a short time after his admission to the bar was nominated on the Democratic ticket and elected a member of the Ohio Legislature. At the expiration of his term he formed a partnership with a fellow member of the Legislature and began the practice of his profession in Vinton county, where he was the same year elected Prosecuting Attorney. During his service in this capacity he became a law partner of Porter DuHadway (afterward Judge DuHadway), of Jackson county, the firm having two offices, one in each county.

Archibald Mayo.

In 1870 Mr. Mayo removed to Chillicothe, where he has ever since resided. From 1872 to 1874 he served one term as Prosecuting Attorney. Since that time he has had no official position except that he was for several years a member of the Board of Education and president of that body, but has steadily pursued the practice of his profession. He has become one of the best known lawyers of southern Ohio, taking high rank both as counsellor and advocate. He has at all times been pre-eminently a student, and added to legal learning the graces of literary accomplishments and persuasive address. During his season of public life as a member of the Legislature, during the troublous times of the civil war, he attained State reputation as a public speaker of unusual force and eloquence. His speech on "The Liberty of the Press," delivered in support of certain resolutions relating to the suppression of Democratic newspapers, and his speech in favor of the establishment of a soldiers' home, were widely published and attracted great attention. From that time his services have been in demand in every State campaign, but it has been many years since he cared to accept appointments away from his own home. He is an admirable after-dinner speaker, and has frequently delivered lectures and addresses on literary and other topics. Mr. Mayo's eminently just and tolerant character and his uniform courtesy at the bar and in social life have won the esteem of all classes and parties. In this year (1894) he was, contrary to his own desires, placed upon the Democratic ticket for Judge of the Common Pleas in the judicial subdivision, composed of Highland, Ross, Fayette, Madison, and Pickaway counties, containing at all times a large Republican majority. He ran far ahead of his ticket and nothing but the great political "land slide" which ran that majority in the State and district to an uprecedented figure, prevented his election. He is a bachelor, but his accomplished sister Miss Elizabeth Mayo, to whom he is greatly attached, and to whose unselfish affection and wise counsel he owes much, has made a home for him. Their house has been a frequent and favorite resort for nephews and nieces. After their father's death and the settlement in life of the other children, their mother came to them and is still living at the advanced age of eighty-five years. Mr. Mayo is very domestic in his tastes and habits and has enjoyed a happy home life. He was for many years a vestryman of St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church in Chillicothe, and is a member of the Masonic fraternity.

SANFORD ALEXANDER McCULLOUGH, a farmer of Tranquillity, Adams county, and one of the executors of the John T. Wilson estate, was born on his father's farm, one and a half miles from this town, March 11, 1842, and is of Irish descent. His great-grandfather, John McCullough, a native of Virginia, spent the latter part of his life in Adams county. His first wife was the great-grandmother of our subject. His second wife, formerly Miss McClung, bore him one child, William McClung McCullough. Alexander McCullough, grandfather of our subject, was born in Rockbridge county, Virginia. He married Nancy McCrosky, and shortly afterward came to Adams county, Ohio, where he subsequently died, and is buried in Tranquillity cemetery. His children were: Sarah, James, Tilford, Samuel Brown and Archibald Camp-

bell. He was a man of considerable merit, and was a soldier in the war of 1812.

A. C. McCullough, father of our subject, was born in Adams county, Ohio, September 10, 1817. He was a carpenter by trade, but spent much of his life on a farm. His wife, *née* Sarah Elliot, was a daughter of Robert and Sally (McIntire) Elliot. She was born in 1821, and died December 20, 1861. Robert Elliot was a native of Kentucky, and the father of a large family. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McCullough were married January 1, 1841, and were the parents of the following children: Sanford Alexander, our subject; Robert Newton, born April 14, 1844, is a farmer by occupation; Samuel Leander, born October 15, 1846, is a resident of Hanna City, Peoria county, Illinois; Nancy Emeline, born December 15, 1849, died December 3, 1875; James Monroe, born April 12, 1851, died March 3, 1873; Sarah Ann, born April 23, 1853, married John H. Wallace, and is living on the old home place; William Addison, born April 11, 1855, resides at Peoria, Illinois; John Willison, born July 19, 1857, died November 3, 1891; and David Steele, born January 27, 1860, is engaged in the livery business at Fowler, California.

S. A. McCullough, whose name heads this sketch, attended the public schools until nineteen years of age. July 23, 1863, he enlisted in Company G, One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at the close of his enlistment, March 8, 1864, at Camp Cleveland. After a short visit home, he again enlisted, August 11, 1864, in Company H, One Hundred and Seventy-third Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and was honorably discharged at Nashville, Tennessee, June 26, 1865. Shortly after his first enlistment Mr. McCullough was appointed Corporal, and September 18, 1864, was made Sergeant. He returned home after the close of the struggle, and during the following eight years was engaged in saw-milling, and also assisted in farming the home farm. In 1867 he rented land of his father which he farmed. February 4, 1882, in partnership with his father, he bought a tract of ninety-four acres, located near the home place, two years later bought another tract of eighty-two acres on the creek, a short distance below where he now lives, also had 200 acres which was willed to his wife by the Hon. John T. Wilson, and with his duties as executor of the Wilson estate is kept very busy.

Mr. McCullough was married October 11, 1865, to Miss Orlena Amadella McCreight, born April 3, 1842, a daughter of John and Narcissa (Dryden) McCreight. The father, now deceased, was a cabinet-maker by trade, and the mother resides with her daughter. Three children have been born in the family of Mr. and Mrs. McCullough: Spencer Edwin, born February 3, 1868, died October 4, 1883; John Elliott, born November 15, 1871, is a farmer in Peoria county, Illinois; Myrtle May, born December 4, 1876, is at home,

Mr. McCullough is a Republican in political matters, and has held several township offices. The family are members of the United Presbyterian Church at Tranquillity.

SAMUEL EARL MOSHER, youngest son of Sebra and Catharine (Hogle) Mosher, was born at Boston Corners, Erie county, New York, July 28, 1834. He passed his boyhood days on the farm, attending the country

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schools near his birthplace during three winters and subsequently becoming a pupil in the public schools at Bennington, Vermont. While yet a lad he secured employment at North Bennington, Vermont, with Messrs. Harmon & Essex, who were engaged in the manufacture of steel squares for carpenters' use. He remained in the employ of this firm about eight years. Attaining his majority he determined to seek his fortune in the West, and accordingly located at Chillicothe, Ohio, early in the year 1855, having been accompanied hither by his mother and his sister, now Mrs. F. M. DeWeese. He accepted a position as traveling agent for his brother, Ira Mosher, who was already established in business here, and he forthwith commenced his sojournings throughout Ross and contiguous counties, collecting for and selling marble and tomb-stones manufactured by his brother.

Being a neighbor and personal friend of Mr. John P. Laird, then master mechanic of the Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, he was induced by the latter to accept a position on the railroad. April 25, 1856, he made his initial trip as a locomotive fireman and, being a natural mechanic, he soon mastered the intricacies of a locomotive and the details of its operation, and early in the year 1857 he was promoted to the position of locomotive engineer and was soon placed in charge of a passenger locomotive. He held this responsible position for twelve years, within which time he, like all other railroad men, met with some thrilling experiences. The most noteworthy of these, however, occurred February 4, 1865; he left Chillicothe in the morning with a train load of passengers bound for Cincinnati. In crossing Lee's creek bridge, some thirty-two miles west of Chillicothe, the bridge, which had been damaged by recent high water, gave way, precipitating the engine, baggage car and two coaches to the water and rocks beneath,—a distance of about seventy feet. The wreck took fire, thus adding to the horror of the disaster, and eleven persons met their death, while several others were badly wounded; among the latter was the subject of our sketch. After several weeks Mr. Mosher was again enabled to mount the footboard of his locomotive. During his long service as an engineer he never had an accident caused through his own negligence or fault. In 1870 he was again rewarded for his faithful service, being then promoted to the position of traveling engineer, his duties giving him general control and inspection of all engineers and firemen, and of all engines and cars on the entire system, comprising nearly 300 miles of track, and while serving in that capacity he succeeded in establishing a record which his superiors in office said justified them in pronouncing him "one of the best wrecking masters this country has produced."

Incidental to his service as traveling engineer, he discerned the imperative need of a thoroughly reliable machine for the raising of engines and cars, and after several months of study and experimentation he perfected a model and secured letters patent on the "Mosher Lifting Jack." This jack is now, and has been since 1875, manufactured by Mr. Mosher's brother-in-law, Mr. F. M. DeWeese, and its availability for the purposes intended is evident from the fact that the device is in use on nearly all railroad lines in the United States, as well as in many foreign countries. Another important invention and patent of Mr. Mosher's is an electrical call bell, which enables the train dispatcher to ring a bell and handle

danger signals at any desired office or point on his line without interfering with any other office or signals on said line. This patent was sold for a large consideration to the Electrical Railway & Signal Company, of New York and Chicago, and is now in use on many of the railroads, being also utilized in connection with the telephone and police departments of New York and other large cities. In fact, Mr. Mosher's genius has led to the securing by him of several practical patents, from which he derives a very handsome income, and while he has not severed his connection with the railroad company, he has called for and taken a leave of absence for an indefinite time and is trying to take life somewhat more easily, but, judging by his reputation as a very energetic business man, we feel justified in pronouncing him still "a very busy man."

Mr. Mosher is at the present time, and has been for many years, a member of the Board of Trade and of the City Council of Chillicothe, Ohio, and in this capacity has wielded a marked influence in the development of some of the city's most important enterprises. He is a member of the Masonic Order, of the I. O. O. F., and a charter member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers organized in Chillicothe in 1861. In his political adherency he is arrayed with the Republican party. Though unmarried, he is comfortably situated in the family residence at No. 85 South Paint street, where his mother died on the 23d of January, 1893, he always having made his home with her until the time of her death.

Mr. Mosher is one who may consistently be termed a self-made man, and the measure of his success has not been narrow. He is the owner of considerable real estate in and about Chillicothe, and this, with numerous other investments of importance, causes him to take rank as one of the wealthy and substantial men of the community. He is held in the highest esteem by all his acquaintances and is notable for his charitable disposition and his liberality in the support and fostering of all enterprises having in view the welfare of the city which he represents and the benefiting of the people in general.

Many worthy families in limited circumstances have been enabled to purchase homes for themselves by applying to Mr. Mosher, who would kindly make their payments easy and thus afford them an opportunity to procure comfortable homes, while otherwise said money would necessarily have been applied on the payments of rent.

DR. JOSEPH E. HANLEY, a successful physician of Chillicothe, Ohio, is a native of that place, where he was born September 24, 1855, a son of William B. and Mary Hanley, natives of Ireland. The father was born in county Limerick, at Shanagolden, in 1818, served an apprenticeship in a general grocery establishment at Limerick, emigrating in 1836, while still a young man, to Canada, and soon thereafter coming to the United States. His first employment in this country was as bookkeeper at Detroit, Michigan, for the contractor of the Maumee Improvement Company, a position which he held for one year, after which he came to Chillicothe, where he was for a number of years retained as bookkeeper and timekeeper for the contractors who had in charge the building of the toll pikes. In 1840 he opened a general store on Paint street, and this he conducted successfully until 1852, when the

enterprise was swept away by the memorable fire which so nearly destroyed the town in April of that year. When he resumed business he identified himself with a different line of enterprise, opening a merchant-tailoring establishment on Water street, where he conducted a profitable trade until his death, November 3, 1870, at the age of fifty-two years. His wife was a native of the same town in which he was born, and came to America when a girl. She is still living at the advanced age of seventy-six years, and is a devout member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church.

Dr. Hanley is the fifth of a family of eight children. His literary education was acquired in the public schools, and at the age of fifteen years he secured the position as bookkeeper for Drs. Waddle and Scearce. After an association of two years with these professional men he determined to study medicine and to carefully prepare himself for the practice of that noble profession. Accordingly he attended a course of lectures in the Ohio Medical College, at Cincinnati, and later entered the Columbus Medical College, at Columbus, Ohio, where he was graduated in the spring of 1877 with the degree of Doctor of Medicine. In the following June he was appointed assistant physician in the insane asylum at Athens, Ohio, and in the spring of 1878 he was advanced to the marked preferment as senior physician in this institution. He filled this exacting position with much credit to himself for a period of two years, and then came to Chillicothe, where he has since been engaged in general practice. Admirably equipped by natural taste and endowment for this most delicate and responsible of all callings, the Doctor has spared no pains or effort to familiarize himself with all known methods for relieving the physical suffering of humanity; he has kept pace with the rapid advances made in the science of medicine, is a close and conscientious student, and ranks among the representative physicians of Chillicothe.

Dr. Hanley was married June 24, 1878, to Mary O. Bier, a daughter of Joseph and Mary (Zind) Bier, the former of whom was one of the early merchants of Chillicothe, being at present a prominent farmer of Scioto township, Ross county, Ohio. To our subject and his wife four children have been born: Joseph C., who died at the age of five years; Mary; Joseph Carroll and William Lawrence. The family are members of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

The Doctor takes a duly active interest in the political issues of the day, supporting the principles of the Democratic party. He has been a member of the School Board for one term, and for the past decade has been associated with the State Militia, having been surgeon of the Sixth Regiment for five years and Corporal for an equal length of time. He was also acting surgeon of the regiment while the same was on duty during the Cincinnati riots. In his fraternal associations Dr. Hanley is a prominent and honored member of the order of Elks.

DR. JOSEPH ANDERSON GLASGOW, a prominent physician of Belfast, Ohio, was born November 8, 1842, on his father's farm in Adams county, Ohio.

Dr. Glasgow comes of Scotch ancestry. His great-grandfather Glasgow came to America from Glasgow, Scotland, that city having been founded by his remote ancestors and named in honor of them. Robert Glasgow, the Doctor's grandfather, was born in

Loudoun county, Virginia, and came from there to Adams county, Ohio, where he died about 1820, at the age of forty years. His son William, the Doctor's father, was born in Adams county, April 16, 1816, and is still living on the farm of 120 acres purchased by his father. The maiden name of our subject's mother was Marion McIntyre. She was born in Loudoun county, Virginia. Her people originally came from Ireland, settled in Virginia and later came West to Adams county, Ohio, where her father, James McIntyre, died about the year 1850. She died March 22, 1855. The children of William and Marion Glasgow are as follows: Nancy Jane, born May 6, 1841, is the wife of John Kane, a farmer of Adams county, and has two children, Ervin and Elmer; Joseph Anderson was the second born; Arthur died in infancy; William died at the age of nineteen years; Mary Elizabeth, born December 18, 1849, is the wife of John Williams, of Gainsboro, Ohio, and has one child, Roy; and Samuel Steel, born June 4, 1851, is engaged in farming in Adams county: he and his wife, *nee* Sarah E. McClure, being the parents of three children—Matthew McClure, Grace and William.

Dr. Glasgow remained on the farm until he was twenty-one years of age. He received a public-school education and also attended the North Liberty Academy. When he reached his majority he turned his attention to the study of medicine, and for three years had Dr. S. McNulty for his preceptor. He entered the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery in the fall of 1872, and February 16, 1874, received his degree from that institution. After his graduation he was for six months engaged in practice with his preceptor, and at the end of that time he went to Unity, Adams county, Ohio, and practiced eight months, also teaching school four months of that time. Then he formed a partnership with Dr. E. M. Gaston of Tranquillity, Adams county, which association lasted until March, 1876, when it was dissolved, and he practiced alone for a time. November 17, 1880, Dr. Glasgow came to Belfast, where he soon established himself in practice and where he has continued successfully. There were two other physicians in Belfast when he located here,—Drs. Richards and McNulty. In 1882 he bought out the practice of Dr. Richards, and shortly afterward the other one left town, which gave Dr. Glasgow a clear field, and there has been no opposition since.

It was the misfortune of our subject to be born with a deformed leg, and when he was twenty-one years old he had it amputated at the knee and an artificial leg placed in its stead. This misfortune, however, has in no way interfered with his usefulness.

Dr. Glasgow was married May 4, 1876, to Mary Jane, daughter of Captain R. P. and Margaret (Glasgow) McClure. She died March 13, 1878, and October 16, 1879, he was married a second time. April 11, 1882, he was again bereft of a loving companion. His second wife was Miss Nancy Margaret Glasgow, a distant cousin, and a daughter of Findley and Nancy Glasgow. April 9, 1890, Dr. Glasgow married Miss Judith Ann Storer, daughter of Henry H. and Celia J. Storer.

Fraternally the Doctor is a member of Belfast Lodge, No. 572, I. O. O. F.; politically, a Prohibitionist; religiously, a Presbyterian. Both as a skilled physician and as a most worthy citizen, Dr. Glasgow stands high in the estimation of the people of Belfast and vicinity.

WILLIAM BARKER COCHRAN was born on the farm which he now owns, near Belfast, Highland county, Ohio, November 12, 1840, and has been identified with this vicinity all his life.

James Cochran, his father, was born in Adams county, Ohio, February 22, 1806, and was brought by his parents to the home place, now owned by William B., in 1816, and here he spent the rest of his life, and died June 18, 1891. His remains are interred in Coss cemetery, one of the oldest burial grounds in the county. It is a noteworthy fact that Mr. Cochran helped to dig the first grave in this burying ground,—that of a Mr. Wade. James Cochran was married November 5, 1835, to Nancy Baskin, and a record of their children is as follows: Mary Ann, born February 7, 1837, died December 19, 1850; Catharine Jane, born November 25, 1837, is now living with her brother, William B.; William B. was the next in order of birth; Thomas Baskin, born September 8, 1842, died June 20, 1856; James Andrew, born June 29, 1844, died October 16, 1845; Clarissa Ellen, born September 10, 1846, makes her home with the subject of our sketch. The father of this family was during his early life a Democrat.

Later, however, he espoused the cause of the colored race and was pronounced a "rank Abolitionist." He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was held in high esteem in the community in which he lived.

Andrew Cochran, the grandfather of our subject, was born at Yorktown, Pennsylvania, February 4, 1769. He served all through the war of 1812, and when returning from that war, with a large sum of money, he was murdered between the towns of Upper and Lower Sandusky, February 20, 1814. Thus his widow was a pensioner of that war. Her maiden name was Jane Barker, and she was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 20, 1774, daughter of John Barker, a sea captain. She and Mr. Cochran were married in Baltimore, February 14, 1794. The children born to them were: William, who was born June 24, 1798, and was married to Elizabeth McConnell, their children being: William Jasper, John, Eliza Jane, Hester and Mary; Mary, born September 1, 1800, became the wife of Jacob Hall, and died, leaving seven children: James C., Mary J., Jesse R., Carey F., Matilda A., Louisa A.; Sarah Ann, born July 18, 1803, was the wife of Jesse Hall, and she died, leaving six children: George, William, Elizabeth, Jacob, Washington and Noble; James, the father of our subject, was next; Nancy, born February 14, 1810, is deceased; she and her husband, John Smith, a farmer of Adams county, Ohio, had ten children: Rachel, Caroline, George, Oliver, James M., John, Sandford, Jesse, Sarah and Jane; Elizabeth, the youngest of Andrew Cochran's children, was born August 25, 1812, and is also deceased; she was the wife of Jeremiah Mercer, a farmer of this county, and they had children as follows: William, John, Emily, James, David, Jane, Sarah, Wilson and Spencer.

William B. Cochran, with whose name we began this sketch, started out in life in 1860 as a school teacher. In 1867 he visited Missouri, but soon returned, and the following year he purchased the old home place, then consisting of 100 acres. He has since bought adjoining land and is now the owner of 223 acres. In May, 1891, he purchased a fine residence in Belfast, where he now lives, and moved into it the following Octo-

ber. He was married October 6, 1880, to Sarah Elizabeth Storer, daughter of Celia and Jane (Dryden) Storer. Their only child, Roy DeWitt, was born August 1, 1881, and died October 18, 1883.

Mr. Cochran was reared a Presbyterian and is a consistent member of that church. Politically, he is a Prohibitionist. He has served his township as Assessor.

GEORGE JOHNSON was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, August 7, 1815, and died at Portsmouth, Ohio, April 14, 1875.

He was a member of the class of 1834, Jefferson College, Cannonsburg, Pennsylvania, and after receiving a degree from that institution, read law with Russell Marsh, at Steubenville, Ohio, and was admitted to practice in 1837. He first practiced in Steubenville, but removed to Portsmouth in 1841 and continued his practice alone till 1855 when he became associated with Colonel O. F. Moore and this firm continued until the death of Mr. Johnson. He served as Mayor of the town, member of City Council, Prosecuting Attorney, and representative in the Legislature. At the time of his death he was president of the Portsmouth National Bank, and had served as bank director for more than twenty-eight years.

Mr. Johnson was married August 24, 1847, to Mary R., daughter of Sam Miles Tracy (see sketch elsewhere). They were the parents of four children: Emma T., who was born May 19, 1850, married Sandford B. Jennings, March 29, 1881, and survives her husband, who died in Kansas city, Missouri, July 19, 1882. She is living with her mother at the old home property, Portsmouth, Ohio. Sam Miles, born November 14, 1853; he was a member of the class of '76, Kenyon College, but was called home in his junior year by the death of his father. He was married December 3, 1884, to Miss Noreh Heron, daughter of James and Caroline (*neé* McCarty) Heron, of Connersville, Indiana. Their children are: Emma Katharine, Heron Miles, and Sherrard McCarty. Mr. Sam Miles Johnson is now in the active practice of the law at Portsmouth, Ohio. Albert Tracy, the next child, was born May 18, 1857. He attended Kenyon College and was a member of the class of 1877. In his junior year returned to Portsmouth and accepted a position in the Portsmouth National Bank and afterwards the position of cashier of the First National Bank, which position he held till November, 1892, when he was elected president of the Portsmouth Fire Brick Company. He was married October 25, 1882, to Margaret F. Tewksbury, daughter of Moor R. Tewksbury (see sketch elsewhere), and Sarah (*née* Baird) Tewksbury. Their children are Ruth Baird, George Tewksbury, and Jeanie Tewksbury. Tracy Bradford, youngest child of George and Mary R. Johnson, was born September 25, 1860. He entered the employ of the shoe establishment of C. P. Tracy & Co. March 1, 1876, as salesman, and became one of the firm January 1, 1893. He resides with his mother at the old family homestead.

A recent publication in speaking of the honored subject of this biographical review, says: "In all duties of public or private life he was a true man. As a friend and neighbor he was kind and consistent, and as a husband and father he was uniformly indulgent and affectionate. He was strongly attached to his family, and, notwithstanding the pressing demands of his professional

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duties, he passed much of his time in the sacred precincts of his home. To the poor, with many of whom he had business relations, he was liberal and forbearing. He spoke evil of none, and when others did so in his presence he invariably discouraged it, and seemed disposed to throw the mantle of charity over the faults of his fellow men."

The Portsmouth bar, on the occasion of his death, passed resolutions expressing "profound respect for his unvarying kindness, amiable deportment, uprightness of character, and purity of professional life."

ROBERT ALLEN MILLER, proprietor of the Miller House, Winchester, Ohio, was born on his father's farm near Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, February 2, 1832. His grandfather, Robert Baird Miller, was a Pennsylvanian by birth.

Samuel Miller, father of our subject, was born in Pennsylvania, married Lydia Baird, and lived in his native State until his oldest children were born. He was a millwright by trade. In 1825 he emigrated westward to Brown county, Ohio, and built and ran a mill. Later he engaged in farming. Both Mr. and Mrs. Miller died in Brown county, Ohio, in the month of December, 1854, the husband passing away six days after the death of his wife. Their children in the order of their ages were: John A., James B., William Wiley, Oliphant, George, Washington, Johnston, Wilson, and the subject, Robert Allen,—nine boys, all of whom are now dead except Mr. R. A. Miller.

Our subject lived with his father on the home place until he was twenty-three years of age. During the years of 1854 and 1855 he farmed the place on shares. He then went into the tanning business, being associated with his brother-in-law, Mr. W. W. Williamson, at Carlisle, Brown county, Ohio, and continued in this business for two years, when he sold out to Mr. Williamson, and rented a farm of Michael Benner. He operated this place for six years, and then moved onto the place owned by Scott Kinkead, where he remained until 1864. After spending about six months on the Miller–Henry farm, our subject, in partnership with Michael Benner, opened a general merchandise store at Red Oak, Brown county, under the name of Benner & Miller. He sold out his interest in the spring of 1870, and bought of Samuel Henry a tract of seventy-two acres, located on Straight creek. Mr. Miller operated this farm for seven years, when he sold out to George Giboney, and moved onto the James Blair place, then owned by his widow, Mrs. Margaret Blair, mother-in-law of our subject. He farmed this place for one year.

February 19, 1880, he moved to Winchester, Ohio, and rented the Stevenson House, with livery in connection. October 9, 1886, Mr. Miller was burned out at this house, the fire having been supposed to be of incendiary origin, and the loss was very great,—amounting to practically everything our subject had, as he carried no insurance. The fire occurred at three o'clock in the morning, and the night of that same day Mr. Miller had rented the Reece property, and had as guests at his hotel seven regular boarders, and four transient. Mr. Miller bought the property where he now lives of Mrs. Thompson, February 20, 1891, and moved into it May 20th of the same year. He thoroughly

repaired and enlarged the premises, built himself a large livery barn and at present has one of the best hotel properties in the county. The Miller House can accommodate forty guests, and the livery is provided with six horses.

Mr. Miller was married, April 6, 1854, to Miss Martha Ellen Blair, daughter of James and Margaret (*nee* Brown) Blair. Their children are: George Washington, born October 5, 1855, and now resident agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company, at Dayton, Ohio; Margaret Estella, born February 22, 1858, married Steward S. Steen, who is farming in this county; James Samuel, born January 1, 1861, is resident agent of the Singer Sewing Machine Company at Minneapolis, Minnesota; Lydia Mary, born July 16, 1863, married William Chrisman, and is living in Winchester, her husband being a sawmill man; Clara May, born November 16, 1865, is at home; Sarah Elizabeth, born June 20, 1869, is at home; and Wiley Blair, born April 14, 1872, is working for her father.

Mr. Miller is a Republican in politics, and a Presbyterian in religion. He is one of the most active men in the county, and has done much to make the thriving town of Winchester what it is. His hostelry is noted as one of the best in this part of the country, not even excepting those in towns of three times the size of Winchester.

ERNST ROTHE, of Harrison township, Ross county, was born in Germany, February 17, 1829. May 27, 1856, he left his native country for the United States, landing in New York on May 16, of that year. He first worked at any occupation he could find to do in Burlington, Iowa, and one year later, in June, 1857, he came to Chillicothe, Ohio. He was employed in a gristmill one year and followed other occupations there until 1859, spent eight months in a flour and feed mill at Portsmouth, followed the same occupation at Wheeling, West Virginia, for over two years, was employed in a gristmill one year at Waverly, Pike county, Ohio, and then returned to Chillicothe. Mr. Rothe remained in that city ten years, engaged principally at milling, and for three years rented a mill on the Kingston pike, in company with another gentleman. Since 1872 he has been a resident of Harrison township, Ross county, where he now owns 300 acres of timber land.

Mr. Rothe was married in Chillicothe, in 1858, to Augusta Steineka, a native of Germany. They have ten children—Albert, August (deceased), Anna, Emma, John, Clara, Charles, Minnie, Mary and Bertha. Mr. and Mrs. Rothe are members of the German Lutheran Church. Mr. Rothe is a Democrat in his political views, was the choice of his party for Township Treasurer two years, and in 1890 served as Land Appraiser in Harrison township.

WILLIAM ALFRED BLAIR, a merchant of Tranquillity, Adams county, Ohio, was born on a farm four and a half miles northeast of Winchester, this State, April 13, 1829. His ancestors were of Scotch-Irish stock, and his paternal grandfather was the founder of the family in this country. Joseph Wallace Blair, father of our subject, was born in Tennessee, December 22, 1799. When thirteen years old he accompanied his parents to Adams county, Ohio, and for a num-

ber of years was engaged in farming. Being afflicted with rheumatism, he later gave his attention to school-teaching and merchandising, first opening a small store at Belfast, Highland county, associated for a time with the Hon. John T. Wilson. The last twenty-five years of his life were spent on a farm of 155 acres located near Russellville, Brown county, Ohio, where he died February 9, 1878, and is buried at the Red Oak Cemetery in that county. Polly Ann Blair, mother of our subject, was born January 12, 1807, and died November 12, 1865, a daughter of Joseph Blair, and a first cousin of her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were married in 1827, and were the parents of the following children: Martha Jane, born January 4, 1828, died March 21, 1828; William Alfred, our subject; Joseph Wallace, born February 20, 1831, died in January, 1893; Amanda, born January 7, 1834, died May 1, 1878; Margaret Catherine, born May 11, 1835, married John McPherson, a farmer of Brown county; John Wilson, born October 2, 1837, is a merchant in Logan county, Ohio; James Thompson, born May 1, 1839, died September 26, 1840; Samuel Richey, born December 17, 1840, is a farmer in Johnson county, Indiana; George Harvey, born January 31, 1843, is a farmer of Osage county, Kansas; Polly Ann, born May 14, 1845, died December 2, 1850; Emelius Baxter, born December 14, 1847, was a practicing physician in Bryantsburg, Indiana, where he died in March, 1890; Clayton Shepard, born January 26, 1852, is a farmer in Brown county.

W. A. Blair, the subject of this sketch, remained with his parents until fifteen years of age, when he came to live with the Hon. John T. Wilson, of Tranquillity, and was employed to do general work around the store. He remained with that gentleman for over nine years, and acquired a small interest in the business. In 1853 he accepted a position in the dry-goods establishment of B. L. Jefferson, of Portsmouth, Ohio, but shortly afterward bought a one-half interest in the business, and the partnership continued about two years. Mr. Blair next spent one year in merchandising at South Webster, Ohio, and in August, 1856, he returned to Tranquillity and purchased the old Wilson store, then owned by Silcott & Matthews, and located on the hill. Five years later Mr. Blair built his present building, into which he moved in January, 1862.

He was married September 18, 1856, to Mary Jane, daughter of John and Nicassa McCreight, of Adams county. Mr. and Mrs. Blair have had the following children: Frank Granville, born November 23, 1857, is conducting the store at Tranquillity, and was married to Lala America Wasson, by whom he had one child, Earl Clyde; John Joseph, born September 24, 1859, is engaged in the banking business at Peebles, Ohio, and married Espa Jane Patton, and they have one child, Charlie; Spencer Wilson, born December 29, 1865, is employed in his father's store; Blanchard Grier, born January 18, 1869, is a clerk in a bank at Ripley, this State.

W. A. Blair is a man of some means, of considerable business ability and experience, and his probity of character and perfect uprightness in all business affairs are unquestioned by those who come in contact with him. He was the intimate friend of Hon. John T. Wilson, having been known by him from childhood, and so thoroughly did he impress Mr. Wilson that he always placed the most implicit confidence in him, and at the

time of his death Mr. Blair was named as the chief executor without bond of the Wilson estate, the largest ever left for settlement in Adams county.

While never aspiring to public honors, the Republican party elected him to the lower branch of the State Legislature in 1886. He is a man of a religious nature, having connected himself with the Presbyterian Church when sixteen years of age and still remains a member of the Presbyterian family.

WILLIAM TRIMBLE McCLINTICK, second son of Judge James McClintick, a sketch of whose life appears elsewhere in this volume, was born February 20, A. D. 1819, at Chillicothe, Ohio. His early education was obtained in the schools of his native town, mainly in the Chillicothe Academy, under such teachers as Daniel Hearne, John Garrett and William B. Franklin.

He developed early in life a fondness for reading and study, and also those habits of industry, persistency, ambition for success and reasonable self-confidence which have characterized his after life.

In the fall of 1833 he was sent to the Ohio University, at Athens, Ohio, then under the presidency of Dr. Robert G. Wilson, who had been the officiating clergyman at the marriage of his parents in 1811.

It was the misfortune of this youth to have been somewhat irregular in his previous course of study, and to find himself, in consequence, placed in different classes in the college course, some of which were made up of young men much older than himself, who accomplished with comparative ease what to their younger classmate could only be done with much difficulty. He found much help, however, from an older student, Horatio J. Harris, afterward eminent in Indiana, who taught him how to study. Little occurred during his stay in Athens that is worthy of note. In his after years the things that seemed to be recalled to his mind as belonging especially to this period of his life, were chiefly his learning to play the game of foot-ball and the witnessing of that wonderful display of that system of meteors known as the Leonids, through which the earth passed on the 13th of November, 1833. It was his habit to arise between the hours of three and four A. M. to prepare for the "sunrise" recitation, then in vogue at the college. The wailing prayers and cries of a colored cook first attracted his attention and led him out of doors, where his vision was arrested by that most memorable exhibition of "shooting-stars," so renowned in the history of astronomy, when the whole heavens were illuminated as if by a sheet of rolling fire, from which myriads of meteors, shooting in every direction, presented to the eye, from the zenith to the horizon, a scene of indescribable beauty and magnificence.

He remained at Athens for one year, and on returning at the end of his vacation, in the fall of 1834, he found himself confronted by a resolution of the Trustees of the University, which required the students to sign a pledge, among other things, "to aid in detecting and suppressing disorder." He was entirely willing to engage for his own good behavior, but unwilling to undertake what seemed to him the dishonorable task of playing the part of a "detective" or spy upon his fellow-students, and for that reason followed the example of many of the older "fellows," and returned to his home.

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In the spring of 1835 he was sent to the Augusta College, situated on the south bank of the Ohio river, at the village of Augusta, Kentucky. It was the oldest institution of learning, under Methodist control, which had legal authority to confer degrees. Mr. McClintick has himself described it in a public address as being then at the zenith of its prosperity and usefulness Dr. Tomlinson, the president, was a man of extensive and varied learning and of great eloquence; Dr. Bascom, the professor of moral science, at that time had no equal in America as a pulpit orator; he was always faultlessly clad and exceedingly attractive in appearance; his person, broad-shouldered and tapering to his hips and feet, was surmounted by a massive head and face of classic mould, from which dark eyes shone, radiant at all times, and blazing, in moments of enthusiasm, with supernatural light. He stood before an audience the personification of manly beauty. His fame attracted students from distant States, the sons of wealthy and ambitious parents who were anxious to have them under his care. He had been in his youth a preacher in Chillicothe and its vicinity, and a friend of young McClintick's father, and this, doubtless, had some influence in sending the son to Augusta. Dr. Trimble, another of the professors, was the son of a distinguished governor of Ohio, exceedingly popular as a pulpit orator, and widely known in his native State. The other professors and teachers were capable and faithful, and for some years the reputation of the institution stood very high and numbered among its pupils and graduates many who afterward became distinguished in the councils of the State or of the church, and in the republic of letters. From this institution Mr. McClintick graduated with the degree of A. B. in the summer of 1837, and in August, 1840, the degree of A. M. was conferred upon him *in cursu.*

He began the study of law on November 22, 1837, in the office of Messrs. Creighton & Bond, a leading firm of lawyers in Chillicothe. Col. William Key Bond, the junior partner, at that time represented the district in the Congress of the United States. Mr. Creighton had held the same office for a number of years; he was one of the pioneers in the settlement of Ohio, and took an active part in its political and business affairs. Colonel Bond, before leaving for Washington City, prescribed a course of study for his young pupil, beginning with Burlamaqui's Natural Law, and continuing through the same author on Political Law, Montesquieu's Spirit of Laws, Rutherford's Institutes of Natural Law, Kame's Equity, and Blackstone's Commentaries, expecting these to occupy the time until he should return to Chillicothe in the following year; but they were read and pondered long before that time expired, and in the interval Mr. Henry Massie, the youngest son of General Nathaniel Massie, and a thoroughly well read lawyer, voluntarily took charge of the course of study, marking it with thorough examinations and judicious criticism and encouragement. Thus commenced a personal friendship between these two, which continued with unabated warmth until Mr. Massie's death, and which their families have since maintained with each other.

In March, 1840, having attained his majority on the preceding 20th of February, Mr. McClintick applied for admission to the bar, to the old Supreme Court of Ohio, on the Circuit, then in session at Portsmouth, in Scioto county, Judges Peter Hitchcock

and Ebenezer Lane being on the bench. A recent examination of the files of the court disclose, in addition to the regular certificates required by law for admission to the bar, a letter from Mr. Creighton addressed to the judges, which runs thus:

CHILLICOTHE, March 25, 1840.

Dear Sirs:

My young friend, Mr. William T. McClintick, visits Portsmouth with the view of submitting himself for examination for admission to the Bar. He is a native of our city and a young gentleman of fine talents and acquirements. He has been a hard student in our office for the last thirty months. I feel great confidence in his success, and that he will distinguish himself in his profession. I am, with great respect,

Your ob't s'v't,

WILLIAM CREIGHTON, JR.

Judges Hitchcock & Lane.

Mr. Theodore Sherer, a pupil of the Hon. Allen G. Thurman, made application for admission at the same time. The examining committee was composed of Hon. Samuel F. Vinton, William V. Peck, Oscar F. Moore, John Welch, and Chas. Oscar Tracy, all of them, then or afterward, distinguished at the Ohio bar, and in the politics of the State or nation. They reported favorably and the candidates were admitted to practice in the courts of the State, on March 28, 1840. On their first appearance in the courthouse at Chillicothe, they were induced to take part in the trial of a cause in which a jury had been sworn, General William S. Murphy being counsel for the plaintiff and Mr. Thurman for the defendant. Mr. Sherer joined the latter and Mr. McClintick the former, and was allowed the unusual privilege to junior counsel of making the closing argument for the plaintiff. Thus the young men were at once introduced to the practice of the law. Mr. Sherer afterward became the partner of Judge Thurman, but died at a comparatively early age.

Mr. McClintick's legal business gave him full occupation almost from the beginning. In May, 1843, he became a member of the firm of Creighton, Green & McClintick (Mr. Creighton having been his former preceptor) on terms of equality in the division of earnings. He retired from the firm at the close of 1844, and continued his practice without a partner until May, 1852, when he joined with himself Mr. Amos Smith, and the firm of McClintick & Smith maintained its position in full practice in southern Ohio until July, 1888,—a period of over thirty-six years, when Mr. Smith's occupations as a banker and coal operator gave him no time for the law. They still continued, however, jointly interested in agricultural and coal lands until Mr. Smith's death on October 23, 1892.

Mr. McClintick was elected to the office of Prosecuting Attorney of Ross county in the fall of 1849, and held that office for two years. This was the only public office held by him. He was, however, a candidate before the Legislature of his State in 1849-50 for the office of President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of the Circuit in which he lived, and received the nomination of the Whig caucus for that office, but failed of an election, his Democratic opponent, Hon. H. C. Whitman, then a member of the State Senate, being elected by a majority of one vote. On the death of Judge Emmons of Michigan, Mr. McClintick was recommended to President Hayes, by leading men in southern Ohio, strongly supported by the bench and bar of that section, without distiction of party, for appointment as Judge of the Sixth Judicial Circuit of the United States, and it is believed would have

been appointed had it not been for the obvious propriety of restoring to the South its proper share of Federal offices, which prompted and secured the appointment of Judge Baxter of Tennessee to that office.

Mr. McClintick, during the building of the old Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad during the decade 1850–1860, became counsel of the contractors who had undertaken to construct the road, but in 1858, with their consent, he was employed by the holders of the bonds issued by that company under its third mortgage, and in their behalf he joined as counsel in the proceedings for foreclosure, instituted by them in that year in the Court of Common Pleas of Ross county, against that company and the trustees under the first and second mortgages. He took a very active part in that litigation and also in the proceedings for the reorganization of the company; and on the accomplishment of that object, under the name of The Marietta & Cincinnati Railroad Company, *as reorganized* in the spring of 1860, he became the general counsel of the reorganized company, and continued to hold that office until the date of the transfer of its franchises and property to its successor, the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railroad company, in February, 1883, when he became the general counsel of the latter company and remained such until its extinction, and the transfer of its franchises and property to the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company, in December, 1889. He was also a member of the board of directors in said several companies from 1869 to 1893, when the consolidation with the Ohio & Mississippi Railway was consummated.

He was president of the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railroad Company for a short period, namely: From December 31, 1888, until the organization of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railroad Company in the latter part of 1889; also president of the Cincinnati & Baltimore Railway Company from January, 1869, until 1884, when the road of this company (a short terminal line at Cincinnati) was conveyed to the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railway Company; also president of the Baltimore Short Line Railway Company, owning a road from seven miles below Athens, Ohio, in the Hocking Valley, to Belpre on the Ohio river, from February, 1883, until the conveyance of that road to the Cincinnati, Washington & Baltimore Railroad Company in June, 1888.

He was elected a director of the Ohio & Mississippi Railway Company in January, 1874, and president of the same company in October, 1879, and continued in that office, by successive annual elections, until March, 1884. The property of this company was during all this time in the hands of a receiver or receivers, and this office required no active participation in the management or business of the road, on the part of the president. His duties were mainly confined to the supervision of the litigation in which the company was involved, and the adjustment and settlement of its financial difficulties. To this he gave his serious and unintermitted attention.

On March 28, 1890, Mr. McClintick completed his half century of service in the practice of his profession, and then, in pursuance of a resolution previously formed, he transferred his remaining legal business to other parties and retired absolutely from further practice.

In early manhood Mr. McClintick was

identified with the old Whig party, casting his vote for General William Henry Harrison in 1840, and continuing to vote with that party until its dissolution, and then, finding himself more nearly in accord with the Republican party than with the Democratic party, he has since voted with it, although often scratching unworthy names from the local ticket.

On the breaking out of the war of the Rebellion in 1861, his love for the Union overshadowed every other political consideration. He was a speaker at the mass meeting in Chillicothe, Ohio, in the spring of 1861, which was held as the result of an outburst of patriotic and indignant sentiment caused by the secession of Southern States, and the firing upon the flag at Fort Sumter. He was at once made chairman of the Ross County Military Committee, and in that capacity gave his time, activity and speech to arousing his fellow citizens to action, the encouragement of our soldiers in the field, attention to the wounded and sick, and the honorable burial of those whose dead bodies were sent home for sepulture. He served as Lieutenant Colonel of the Fourth Regiment of Ross County Militia in the pursuit of John Morgan in his famous raid into Indiana and Ohio, in July, 1863.

He was present in Saratoga at the formation of the American Bar Association in August, 1878, took part in its proceedings, and was chosen as a member of its Council, for the State of Ohio.

His literary and scholastic attainments were such as to make him a valued contributor, in his early manhood, to some of the literary magazines of that day, and his more intimate friends are aware of his possessing the rare accomplishment of verse, alt ough never venturing in that line into public print. He has made many addresses before literary societies, and on several public occasions, the most notable, perhaps, being the laying of the corner-stone of the new court-house, upon the removal of the old State house, in which the meetings of the State Legislature were held, while Chillicothe was the capital of the State. It was an era in the history of Ross county, and afforded a wide field for recalling the early history of the State, and of the pioneers who gave birth to its institutions.

He has from boyhood been a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and has filled all the offices assigned to laymen in that denomination. His attendance upon its services are regular, and his interest in the advancement of Christianity unflagging.

He was married to Miss Elizabeth Mary Atwood, at Harrodsburg, Kentucky, at the house of her aunt, Mrs. Nancy Thompson, on October 1, 1845. Of this marriage, six children were born: four of them are now dead. One of these four, Elizabeth Atwood, was married to Charles L. Pruyn, Esq., of Albany, New York. Two daughters, Elizabeth McClintick and Jane Lansing, survive her. The oldest living child of Mr. McClintick, Mary Petrea, resides with her parents at Chillicothe, Ohio; the youngest, Ann Porter, is the wife of Edward W. Strong, Esq., formerly of New Brunswick, New Jersey, but now of Cincinnati, where he occupies the position of assistant general counsel of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern Railway Company.

Mr. McClintick since his retirement from the practice of the law in 1890 has given himself chiefly to out-of-door occupations, to travel, to the superintendence of his farms, and to the society of his friends. Much of his time is given to reading; nor

does he neglect the duties he owes to his maker and his fellow men. He is now nearing the completion of the seventy-sixth year of his age, is in fairly good health and does not hesitate to declare that he finds living an exceeding joy.

ROBERT AMASA STEPHENSON is a prominent and successful physician of Manchester, Ohio. He was born in the Buckeye State, near Ripley, August 11, 1838, and comes of a family of Irish origin, which was established in America about 1750, its representatives settling in Sussex county, Delaware. Captain John Stephenson, the great-grandfather of our subject, commanded a sailing vessel which made annual trips between the Emerald Isle and the United States. His family lived in this country, and his son William, when a youth of seventeen years, ran away from home to avoid going on a sea voyage with his father.

William Stephenson then settled in Pennsylvania, near the town of York, where he afterward married. At the breaking out of the Revolution he joined the Colonial army and served until American independence was achieved, after which he removed with his family to Fort Duquesne, Pennsylvania, now Pittsburg, where he lived for several years. About 1793 he joined a party that started down the Ohio river on flat-boats. Among the number was a Mr. Fitzpatrick with his two motherless little girls. During the trip Mr. Fitzpatrick was killed and William Stephenson cared for the orphans. One of them afterward married Colonel Mills Stephenson and became the grandmother of our subject. The boats containing the emigrants floated down the river to Limestone, Kentucky, now Maysville, where the party landed, proceeding thence to Washington, about five miles inland, where a block-house had been built by the noted frontiersmen, Daniel Boone and Simon Kenton. Mr. Stephenson remained in Kentucky until 1798, when he crossed the river into Ohio, and proceeded to locate some land warrants which he received for his services in the Revolution. He selected land about a mile and a quarter from the present site of Ripley, Brown county, built a cabin and passed the remainder of his days there.

On reaching manhood, Colonel Mills Stephenson located on a farm near his father. He served through the war of 1812, with the rank of Colonel, and on the present site of Fremont, Ohio, built Fort Stephenson, which was named in his honor. After the war he owned and operated a mill on Red Oak creek about two miles from Ripley, and later built and ran flat-boats to New Orleans, carrying the produce of his county to the markets of that place. While in that business he contracted a fever and died, at Vicksburg, in 1823. During his residence in Ohio, he served as Township Clerk for a time, and later occupied the position of Sheriff of Adams county.

Colonel Stephenson was twice married. He wedded Miss Fitzpatrick, and to them were born the following children: Ephraim, the eldest, died in childhood: Elizabeth became the wife of Thomas Wallace, a carpenter, and in 1854 they removed to Illinois, spending their remaining days with their children near Ottawa; Charlotte died at the age of twenty years; Young was a captain on the Ohio river: during the war with Mexico he was in the employ of the Government, transporting supplies from New

Orleans to Matamoras, Mexico, where he was attacked with fever and died, in 1847; Lemuel was a steamboat engineer and followed the river for more than twenty years. In 1857, he left the water and opened a hotel at Catlettsburg, Kentucky, where he died in 1862.

Robert Prettyman Stephenson, the father of our subject, was born in Ripley, Ohio, June 22, 1801, and died February 23, 1884. His wife (*née* Mary Wallace) passed away August 13, 1883. They were married September 23, 1819, and had seven children: Mills, born September 2, 1820, followed farming in Brown county, and died December 20, 1845. His wife bore the maiden name of Eleanor Flaugher, and they had one child, Francis Marion, born December 13, 1843. Ephraim and Jane both died in childhood. Thomas, born July 2, 1826, follows farming near Ripley. He married Elmina Wiles, and has a family of eight sons and two daughters. Lemuel, born March 18, 1832, wedded Emily Wilson, and resides in Dayton, Ohio. Young, born April 19, 1834, married Susan Vananda. He is a graduate of the Starling Medical College, Columbus, Ohio, and is now practicing in Georgetown, Ohio. Mary Ann, born August 11, 1836, is the wife of Abner R. Hoard, a farmer of Clermont county, Ohio, by whom she has ten children. Robert Amasa is the next younger. Catherine Jane, born February 20, 1840, became the wife of Edmund Martin, and died February 20, 1889, leaving one son and five daughters. Mr. Martin is a buyer and shipper of horses, owns a large farm near Ripley, and has been so successful in business that he is now one of the wealthiest men in Brown county. William Ryan, born May 12, 1843, married Isabel Myers, and they have four children. He studied law and was admitted to the bar, but now follows farming on the old homestead in Ohio.

Robert A. Stephenson, whose name heads this record, spent his childhood days in his parent's home, and in September, 1861, entered the United States Army as a medical cadet. He was then stationed at Georgetown, D.C., where he remained until September, 1862, when he entered Jefferson Medical College, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, being a graduate at that institution in 1863. Soon after he passed the required examination for assistant surgeon and was assigned to duty with the Sixty-ninth Regiment of Ohio Volunteers, then encamped at Murfreesboro, Tennessee. He thus served until May, 1865, when he was commissioned Surgeon and almost immediately after was appointed Brigade Surgeon by General George P. Buell. The war having closed he was mustered out at Camp Dennison, Ohio, July 25, 1865. While in front of Atlanta, Georgia, on the 12th of August, 1864, he was severely wounded in the head by a piece of shell and still suffers from that injury. He was present at all of the engagements in which the Sixty-ninth Regiment participated after the 20th of April, 1863, and did much good service in healing the wounds and allaying the pain of those that rebel lead had injured.

When the war was over Dr. Stephenson returned to the private practice of his profession and in October, 1865, located in Bentonville, Adams county, Ohio, where he made his home until 1873. In that year he opened an office in Manchester, where he has since successfully engaged in the prosecution of his chosen profession.

The Doctor was married on the 27th of October, 1867, the lady of his choice being

Miss Arcada Hopkins, daughter of William E. and Eliza (Brittingham) Hopkins. They now have a family of four children: William Prettyman, who was born July 31, 1868, and is now attending law school in Cincinnati; Mary, born August 26, 1872; Robert Ellison, born July 17, 1879; and Ralph, born May 16, 1884. The Doctor is a member of the Masonic and Knights of Pythias lodges, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, and George Collings Post, No. 432, G. A. R. He is a close student of his profession, an untiring worker, and his abilities, both natural and acquired, have placed him in the front rank among his professional brethren in this county.

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